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**KEEPING THE PROMISE: FORMER CABRINI RESIDENT MOVES INTO NEW,
MIXED-INCOME HOUSING**

For 24 years, Yvonne Hale lived at the Cabrini Green housing development. As a single mother, it was where she raised her four children. However, when she was given the opportunity to take a Section 8 voucher and move her family to a safer neighborhood, she took it right away.

Ms. Hale moved directly from Cabrini into the private market apartment on the North side with the help of the voucher. But she always knew that she wanted to return to CHA when the new, mixed-income housing was built. And now she has.

The first time she laid eyes on what would become her new 2-bedroom, 1-bath apartment at Old Town Village, she said she could immediately see herself living there.

“It’s just beautiful,” Hale said. “I can walk, I can ride my bike, I can enjoy the outside. And everything is so close by – I’m in walking distance for everything.”

When asked about whether or not she thought that coming back and living in a new unit was really possible, Hale said, “I didn’t think this was really going to happen for me. But it did. Just look around – I’m living proof.” Hale continued, “I hope they keep doing more of this, because this is a much better place to raise a family.”

Hale joins several other former CHA residents who have moved to small mixed-income developments throughout the city as part of CHA’s Plan for Transformation.

Hale’s story is just one of many success stories that have arisen from the Plan for Transformation, the largest overhaul of public housing in this nation’s history. Step by step, more and more public housing residents are embracing the opportunity to build new lives.

“The CHA and its partners, particularly the residents, have a chance to help turn dilapidated housing into healthy, viable communities – places families can be proud to call home,” said CHA CEO Terry Peterson. “We know it’s possible, because it’s already happening.”

CHA’s Plan for Transformation includes building and/or rehabbing 25,000 units for its lease-compliant residents, the largest overhaul of public housing in the nation’s history.

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