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FORMER HENRY HORNER RESIDENT MOVES INTO NEW MIXED-INCOME COMMUNITY

Tameka Eason said she couldn't believe it when she first went to see the new apartment. She knew that she wanted it right away. The three-bedroom, one bath unit seemed almost too good to be true. But her daughters were ready. "When we came to see it, my girls were already picking out their bedrooms," she said.

For ten years, Eason lived in the CHA's Henry Horner Homes. When asked how she feels about moving into her new place, Eason said, "I'm very excited. It's time for a change."

Eason and her two daughters, ages 5 and 10 years old, have moved into Westhaven Park, a new mixed-income community on the city's Near West Side that is part of the CHA's Plan for Transformation, a 10-year, \$1.6 billion effort to turn dilapidated public housing communities into healthy, viable mixed-income neighborhoods. Eason says she welcomes the difference.

"Conditions at Horner were all around terrible," Eason said when asked about her former apartment. "I'm not sad to go."

Some of Eason's friends from Horner have also moved in to the new mixed-income community. In fact, one is going to be living right above her in Westhaven Park.

"This feels like home," Eason said. "And it gives you opportunities. Being here really motivates you to do something better for yourself."

About CHA

The Chicago Housing Authority (www.thecha.org) is almost mid-way through its 10-year Plan for Transformation, a \$1.6 billion effort to rebuild or rehab 25,000 units of public housing for low-income families and seniors citizens, and turn isolated neighborhoods of poverty into healthy, mixed-income communities.

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