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**CHA Plan for Transformation Continues to Revitalize Communities and Empower Residents**

*High rises are emptied; Employment opportunities for residents are expanded*

CHICAGO (Dec. 26, 2006) Half-way through its 15-year, multi-billion dollar Plan for Transformation, the Chicago Housing Authority continues to make excellent progress in the most ambitious public housing overhaul in the history of the United States. More than 15,000 of the planned 25,000 units have been completely rebuilt or renovated and more than 3,000 residents have been successfully placed in new jobs through comprehensive job training and private-sector partnership.

Under the leadership and guidance of Mayor Richard M. Daley, the CHA has removed nearly all of the buildings that formerly blighted the city and, with financial assistance and commitments from public, private and foundation sectors, the CHA continues to rebuild its developments into vibrant, healthy, viable communities that make the entire city of Chicago proud.

Beyond housing, sister city agencies and other non-profit partners have provided CHA residents with social services, job training, education and other support that have helped integrate CHA residents into the economic fabric of the city.

- Nearly all 9,400 units in developments for seniors have been completely renovated
- Nearly all 2,500 units for families in scattered sites have been completely renovated.
- Nearly 2,000 units for families in mixed income developments have been newly built.
- The final buildings at Stateway Gardens and Robert Taylor Homes have been shuttered, with all residents successfully relocated.
- Work is now underway at each of the CHA's 10 major redevelopment sites; in 2006 the CHA broke ground on three more mixed-income developments including the first phase on the site of the former Cabrini Green development.
- More than 40 total real estate deals have closed, including eight more mixed-finance transactions in 2006.

Department of Human Services and non-profit social service partners have helped CHA residents integrate themselves into the social and economic fabric of Chicago.

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- More than 3,000 CHA residents have found work through job training and job placement services.
- Incomes of CHA residents who do work have risen by 50 percent, from \$10,160 to \$15,190.
- Employment rates of residents have increased by 56 percent since the Plan was launched, to 39 percent employment among working age residents.

“Mayor Daley recognizes that the residents of the CHA are first and foremost residents of Chicago. In 2006, the Mayor’s leadership allowed the CHA to continue the historic physical transformation of the blighted developments into vibrant communities across the city and making significant progress in other transformative ways, such as with job training and placement,” said CHA Chief Executive Officer Sharon Gist Gilliam.

For more information on services and programs available to residents, please visit [www.thecha.org](http://www.thecha.org).

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