

Welcome to "Our House" newsletter! This newsletter is made just for you, celebrating CHA residents and HCV participants. We'll tell you about programs, services, and exciting events happening soon. The Resident Services team is here to help you and your family with your goals. Enjoy reading!

**The Democratic National Convention will be held in Chicago from August 19-22.**  
[Click here to learn what you need to know as a Chicago resident.](#)

### Attend City Colleges of Chicago for Free!

**CITY COLLEGES**  
OF CHICAGO

CHA residents are eligible to attend City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) at low or no cost. Attend one of our info session webinars to learn how to get started on a path to further your education and career goals.

[Click here to learn more!](#)

## Build Your Career with the WORC Office!



### About the WORC Office

The WORC office helps residents to advance their career. We provide job training, help finding jobs, and provide support for starting a business.

### WORC Information Sessions

Join us virtually or in-person to learn how the WORC Office can help you build your career!

### Sign up below!

**August 15** | 11AM-12PM ([virtual](#))  
**August 23** | 11AM-12PM ([in-person](#))  
**September 12** | 11AM-12PM ([virtual](#))  
**September 18** | 11AM-12PM ([in-person](#))

In-person sessions are at the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center:  
 4859 S. Wabash, Chicago, IL 60615.

## WORC Events and Information

### Construction Trades & Apprenticeship Hands-on Expo

Join us to learn about Construction Apprenticeships, Pre-Apprenticeship Programs & Construction resources!

**July 25, 2024**  
**10AM - 2PM**  
 Charles A. Hayes  
 Family Investment Center  
 4859 S. Wabash Chicago, IL 60615

[Register Here!](#)

### Career Pathway Event for Young Adults (ages 18-24)

Are you interested in starting a career in IT, transportation, construction, healthcare, or another popular field? Join us to connect with employers and discover career training programs!

**August 1, 2024**  
**10AM - 2PM**  
 Charles A. Hayes  
 Family Investment Center  
 4859 S. Wabash Chicago, IL 60615

[Register Here!](#)

### Announcing the CHA Alumni Network!

Have you heard about the new CHA Alumni Network? We help residents as they prepare to leave CHA and move into the private market. The CHA Alumni Network also offers support after residents graduate from CHA housing.

Think about joining the Alumni Network and using CHA programs before you go! [Click here to fill out a form to learn more and get connected to programs and services!](#)



## Spotlight on our Seniors



Senior dads were invited to join the first Father's Day Makeover event at Row 24, supported by the Daisie Foundation. The event included a panel discussion called "Men on the Move," haircuts, and massages from a professional therapist. Dads enjoyed lunch from Raising Canes and were gifted cargo shorts and polo shirts.

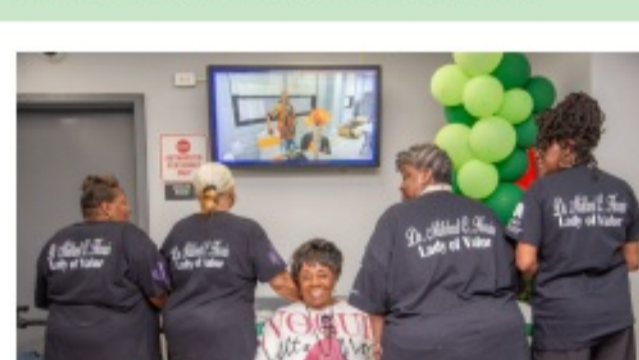
One senior from Dr. Mildred Harris Apartments even won a raffle for two tickets to the Janet Jackson concert!



We have many talented seniors living with us. Ms. Cidie He, who is 95 years old and lives in Armour Square, creates beautiful art from things that are usually thrown away! She uses sales papers to make stunning vases, animals, and baskets. Ms. He says this makes her happy and keeps her mind busy.



One of the seniors at Fannie Emanuel, Mr. Ollie Chambers, finished a puzzle called the "Impossible Puzzle," donated by a CHA staff member during the 2024 puzzle drive. Mr. Chambers is very proud of this achievement, and so are we! He was also featured on the CHA Blog recently. Doing puzzles is a great way for seniors to keep their minds busy.



Dr. Mildred C. Harris Apartments hosted a combined special event to celebrate Memorial Day, Father's Day, and Juneteenth. All the residents had a feast and enjoyed live entertainment. Dr. Harris shared stories from her life and family, offering words of encouragement. In 2022, then Mayor Lori Lightfoot declared June 29 as Dr. Mildred C. Harris Day in the city.

## Which CHA program is right for you? I want to...

### ...Build Wealth

Interested in building financial assets while working toward educational, professional, and personal goals? To learn more about our LevelUp program, please join our next information session! Sessions take place on Tuesdays from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm and Thursdays from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. [Click here to learn more or register for an information session!](#)

### ...Improve Computer Skills

Learn computer skills! No prior experience or materials required. Self-paced computer training for CHA residents and HCV participants are available online or at the Charles Hayes Family Investment Center computer lab (4859 S. Wabash Ave. Chicago, IL 60615) every Thursday from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Earn certificates in these topics: Basic Computer Skills, Internet Basics, Email, Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Google Docs, and more! **To register, please call the digital inclusion hotline at 312-786-6601.**

### ...Buy a HOME

CHA offers two pathways to homeownership. The first is our Choose to Own Homeownership program (CTO) which allows qualified Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Public Housing families to use their housing subsidy to buy a home and receive monthly assistance with a portion of their mortgage payment. The second is the new Down Payment Assistance (DPA) program that assists first time home buyers with a forgivable grant to aid with down-payment and closing costs. [Click here to see if you are eligible or to sign up for an orientation today!](#)

### ...Pursue My Education

CHA public housing residents and HCV participants can obtain a degree or certificate from City Colleges of Chicago at low or no cost through the Partners in Education (PiE) program. Eligible expenses include tuition, uniforms, books, and exam fees. [Sign up to attend an info session today!](#)

### ...Move to a New Neighborhood

The Mobility Counseling Program assists families (with at least one youth up to age 16) in the HCV Program to move into Mobility Areas within the city of Chicago. Mobility Areas are community areas with poverty levels below 20% and low violent crime rates. [Click here to learn more!](#)

### ...Find a Career

If you are job-ready and interested in getting hired, Employment Placement Services is here for you. You will be matched with a career coach who will work with you one-on-one. Our team will help you develop your resume, prepare for your interview, and succeed on the job. [Click here to learn more and see current job opportunities!](#)

