



OUR HOUSE

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Welcome to "Our House" a new resident newsletter designed to celebrate CHA residents and HCV participants, and give updates on programs and services. With our partners, the Resident Services team is here to support you and your family in achieving your goals. We are excited to share information and upcoming events with you each quarter. Enjoy!

Home Ownership Made Easy



CHA has launched a new **Down Payment Assistance program**, which provides a forgivable grant of up to \$20,000 towards the purchase of a home. Interested residents can attend a virtual orientation session to learn more. Another pathway to homeownership is through CHA's **Choose to Own (CTO) program**, which allows residents to put their housing subsidy towards a monthly mortgage payment. To learn more, visit our [website](#) or send us an [email](#).

(Your CHA Homeownership staff pictured.)

Upcoming Events



Senior Holiday Gala: Save the Date for our Annual CHA Senior Holiday Gala on Saturday, December 9! This year's theme is Fantastic Voyage, and the evening will feature live entertainment and a plated lunch. Tickets go on sale October 25th, and will cost \$25, including transportation for CHA residents only. Tickets are sold first come first sold. Click [here](#) for event flyer.

Seasonal Hiring Event: CHA is hosting a seasonal hiring event from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, October 5, 2023 at the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center, 4859 S. Wabash. The event is open to CHA adults (18-54) and senior workers (55 and older) looking for seasonal or temporary employment opportunities. Employers will be interviewing on site. The computer lab is available to complete applications or print resumes copies.

CHA Veterans Day Event: CHA is hosting a special recognition event honoring our CHA senior veterans that reside in senior buildings. The event will be Wednesday, November 8 at the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center, 4859 S. Wabash, Chicago. All senior veterans must register with an RSC to attend.

Operation Warm: A reminder for families who reserved winter coats that the 16th annual Operation Warm Coat Distribution Event will be from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday, October 21 at the UIC Forum, 725 W. Roosevelt Road.

Interested in Free Internet? The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) can help you save up to \$30/month on internet, and provides a one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet. Click [here](#) or call **312-913-7979** for more information!

Celebrations and Achievements



Imani Muhammad, owner of **Imani's Original Bean Pies**, was awarded a **\$25,000 grant** from the Restaurant Strong Fund. Ms. Muhammad was one of 45 Chicago restaurant owners to receive grants.



Altgeld Resident Molly Wilson is one of 32 youth selected to join the Chicago Mayor's Youth Commission. The Youth Commission advises the Mayor and City leaders, providing a voice for Chicago youth from all communities.



Vernell Givens, dedicated building president of Fannie Emanuel Apartments, received a special recognition from Mayor Brandon Johnson this year. Ms. Givens is very active in the community at large, including the annual tradition of her famous Luau at Fannie Emanuel.



LevelUp Graduation

On July 22, 119 residents graduated from CHA's **LevelUP program**. Graduates of the wealth-building program (formerly Family Self Sufficiency) earned more than \$700,000 and received certificates of completion at the ceremony. LevelUP participants receive payouts for milestones, such as meeting with their coach or earning a degree. Savings are set aside and earned money is disbursed when graduates complete the five-year program. **Want to apply?** Attend a LevelUp information session to learn more about the program visit our [website](#) for details.



One Summer Chicago

This summer, more than 2,200 youth and emerging adults worked 166,000 hours and earned \$2.6 million across 10 paid CHA-led opportunities. Opportunities included a new partnership with Future Founders in which teens worked together to build a startup solution to a problem they were passionate about solving.

Tap into CHA Employment Programs

Earn while you learn! The **Golden Diners** program offers careers in hospitality for CHA residents. Earn a Free ServSafe Food Handler Certification and get paid training while serving meals to senior residents! Transportation Assistance provided.

Details: Work hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday - Friday, and includes virtual and in-person programming. Must be 18 years and older. Pay starting at \$15 hour. For more information, call **312-913-7592** or complete the [interest form](#).

E&ES Employment Placement Services offers employment assistance to all residents, including one-on-one Zoom job coaching, resume writing assistance, and transportation to interviews. Participants can attend virtual hiring events to meet with employers eager to hire. Contact Tiari Ramsey by email at tiari.ramsey@eesforjobs.com or by phone at **312-629-4761**.

UCAN Employment Placement Services is looking for individuals interested in getting hired. 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 interviews, and succeed on the job. We source job openings in a variety of industries and experience levels to match you with a job that meets your career goals. We also provide financial assistance to help with interviewing and uniform assistance and financial job retention incentives. Interested residents can attend a New Client Orientation is at 10 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at 3605 W. Fillmore St. Chicago, IL 60624. [Click here to register](#).

