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**Grand Boulevard Federation Becomes Newest Tenant at CHA
Family Investment Center**

Group Stresses Community Vitality for CHA Residents and Neighbors

CHICAGO – This February, the Chicago Housing Authority will welcome the Grand Boulevard Federation as the newest tenant at the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center (FIC).

The FIC, located at 4859 S. Wabash Avenue, was already home to the Grand Boulevard Federation's Asthma Coalition, which has enrolled over 300 area children in their asthma education program and provided outreach to residents living in CHA housing developments over the past eight years.

“The Grand Boulevard Asthma Coalition has been a staple of the Family Investment Center since we opened our doors,” said FIC Manager Cass Miller. “They have been successful in educating area residents about a significant health issue and will continue its mission on increasing the quality of life for those in the Grand Boulevard community.”

The incoming operations of the Grand Boulevard Federation's operations include its Education Advocacy Initiatives, its Positive Youth Development Initiative, a housing committee, and efforts to reduce violence among youth in the community. The Federation also provides avenues for community based organizations, public agencies and residents of Bronzeville to share information and to work together to develop and implement strategies to improve the quality of life in the community.

“We are pleased and excited to join the other organizations housed at the Charles A. Hayes Family Investment Center,” said President and CEO Greg Washington. “We look forward to continuing our work to ensure that all families and residents have the resources to reach their goals and improve our community.”

The Grand Boulevard Federation replaces the Hayes Family Health Clinic, which closed in May 2007 due to a loss of funding from Cook County.

The CHA also recognizes new tenants Ada S. McKinley and Manpower, Inc., who moved into the FIC November and December of 2007, respectively.

Ada S. McKinley is a non-profit social service agency dedicated to helping the

disabled pursue healthy and productive lives. The organization provides counseling, child care, residential, educational, vocational training and job development programs, and serves about 12,000 people annually in 42 different locations. The FIC houses a satellite of its Urban System of care program, an early identification and early intervention program for children and adolescents with emotional and behavioral problems.

Manpower is a global employment agency with over 4,400 offices in over 73 countries partnering with community organizations, education, businesses and government engaging in programs that put people to work. The FIC provides space for Manpower *TechReach Chicago*, which aims to enhance the employability, income, career prospects and quality of life of participants to increase economic development in the community.

“These three additions will help actualize the goal CHA had since the outset of the Family Investment Center – serving public housing residents and neighbors with health education, childcare, technology training, job placement and after school programs,” Miller said.

With the addition of the Grand Boulevard Federation, all office space has been leased at the center. The FIC also houses the Neighborhood Technological Resource Center, We the People Media, and Ounce of Prevention Fund.

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About the Chicago Housing Authority

The CHA was created by state legislation in 1937 to create and expand affordable housing opportunities for low income families and seniors. Today, through federal and other resources, the CHA assists approximately 35,000 families who participate in the Housing Choice Voucher program in private units owned by private landlords. In addition, the CHA owns 15,500 units for families in scattered site, traditional public housing or mixed income developments and 9,500 units of housing for senior citizens in 56 senior developments across the city.

About the Plan for Transformation

In 1999, the City of Chicago began a multi-billion dollar, 15-year initiative to renovate or replace the CHA's entire portfolio of 25,000 public housing units throughout the city. Currently, 61percent of the units have been completed, including the comprehensive renovation of the entire senior developments and scattered-site stock. Eighty percent of the portfolio is scheduled to be complete by 2009. The Plan is a collaboration between the CHA, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Chicago and its many agencies, area businesses and non-profit organizations.