CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY: CREATING OPPORTUNITY

FAMILIES SERVED
1999: CHA served 51,000 families.
TODAY: CHA serves 64,000 families, making it the second largest public housing agency in the U.S.

PROGRESS TOWARD 25,000
1999: CHA created its “Plan for Transformation” (PFT) – an unprecedented agreement with HUD to fund the renovation or building of 25,000 units of public housing and programs to expand opportunities for residents building a path towards self-sufficiency.
TODAY: CHA has completed 90% of the original 25,000 unit goal, demolishing 80 unlivable buildings and completing 22,386 new apartments, including:
• 16,885 rehabbed apartments in traditional CHA senior, family and scattered site developments
• 2,547 units in mixed-income developments on former CHA sites
• 2,954 units in project-based voucher subsidized housing
• 38 newly owned CHA public housing units through acquisition
• In addition, the PFT has allowed for the development of 2,091 affordable units and 2,958 market rate units on mixed-income sites.

HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER GROWTH
1999: CHA provided 30,000 Housing Choice Vouchers to help ease the rent-burden of low-income individuals and families.
TODAY: CHA provides 46,000 vouchers accepted in all 77 Chicago communities. Special HCV programs have also been created to serve some of the city’s most vulnerable households. These include:
• 450 vouchers for homeless veterans now fighting for stable housing
• 350 vouchers for residents with chronic mental illness
• 190 vouchers for individuals with physical disabilities and special needs

EMPLOYMENT & INCOME GAINS
1999: 15% of working age CHA residents were employed, and the average head of household earned an income of $10,000.
TODAY: 62% of working age CHA residents are employed and the average head of household’s income has risen to $19,557.

OVER THE PAST YEAR CHA HAS
Invested more than $170 Million in capital construction and development with more than 500 units under construction
Provided an additional 5,625 new Housing Choice Vouchers
Issued grants totaling almost $1 million to Section 3 resident businesses
Helped 2,649 youth earn over $2 million with the Summer Youth Employment Program
Awarded 220 scholarships to college-bound youths and adults totaling $250,000 in educational support to residents