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### **MAYOR DALEY ANNOUNCES PARTICIPATION IN THE 100,000 HOMES CAMPAIGN**

*Chicago Pledges to move 125 of the city's most vulnerable homeless individuals and families into permanent housing by December 31, 2010.*

Mayor Richard M. Daley today joins Mary Ellen Caron, Commissioner, Department of Family and Support Services, the Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness, the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) and the Emergency Fund to announce the City's participation in the 100,000 Homes Campaign—a national, three-year program to house 100,000 vulnerable, homeless individuals and families by 2013.

“As a first step, Chicago has pledged to move 125 of the city's most vulnerable homeless individuals and families into permanent housing by December 31, 2010, Daley said in a news conference held at Deborah's Place 2822 W. Jackson Blvd, which provides long term housing with on-site services.” One effect of the national economic recession that we can see clearly is that individuals and families across the country are losing their homes at a dramatic rate.”

As part of the 100,000 Homes initiative, campaign partners are coordinating Chicago Registry Week, August 23 to 27, when more than 100 volunteers will take to the city's streets and homeless shelters to survey and identify Chicago's most vulnerable homeless individuals and families. The information collected during Chicago Registry Week will be used to create a by-name registry that will serve to prioritize those homeless individuals who have been living on the streets the longest and quickly move them into permanent housing.

“By working together to efficiently move our neediest residents into permanent, supportive housing, we are provided with a tremendous opportunity to further the efforts of our Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness,” said Commissioner Mary Ellen Caron, Ph.D., Chicago Department of Family and Support Services. “The 100,000 Homes Campaign is a platform that allows us to re-energize and engage those strategies with a community building initiative.”

“Chicago already has a rich service system and a long history of collaboration and coordination,” said Nancy Radner, chief executive officer, Chicago Alliance to End Homelessness. “The collective efforts put forth during Chicago Registry Week will not only benefit those who are housed during the 100,000 Homes Campaign, but serve as a framework on which we will build as we work to reduce chronic homelessness in Chicago.”

The Campaign relies on Chicago’s leading homeless service providers, such as the Aids Foundation of Chicago, as well as the public and private sectors, to commit resources including housing units, supportive services and supplies.

“It’s more costly to maintain homelessness through unnecessary incarceration and hospital stays as well as extended shelter stays—than to place people in permanent housing,” said Arturo Bendixen, vice president for housing partnerships, Aids Foundation of Chicago. “Initiatives like the 100,000 Homes Campaign and with the support of generous permanent supportive housing providers, we are improving the transparency and pathway to permanent housing—particularly for those who are most vulnerable.”

For more information, please visit: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/fss/chgo100khomes> as well as on Facebook and Twitter @chgo100khomes.

### **About the 100,000 Homes Campaign**

The 100,000 Homes Campaign, launched by [Common Ground](#), brings together change agents from across the country to find homes for 100,000 of the most vulnerable and long-term homeless individuals and families by July 2013. It is designed to fundamentally alter our response to chronic homelessness by giving communities concrete tools and connecting the change agents with one another so no one has to innovate alone. To date, approximately 34 US cities including New York, Detroit, and Fort Worth have pledged to support the campaign. More than 5,500 individuals have been permanently housed since late 2009.

### **About the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services**

The Chicago Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS) is dedicated to supporting a continuum of coordinated services to enhance the lives of Chicago residents, particularly those most in need, from birth through the senior years. The department works to promote the independence and well-being of individuals, support families and strengthen neighborhoods by providing direct assistance and administering resources to a network of community-based organizations, social service providers and institutions. For more information about the Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, call 312-743-0300 or visit [www.cityofchicago.org/fss](http://www.cityofchicago.org/fss).

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