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History Coming Home: A complex story starts with a simple truth.

*Drugs. Violence. Welfare mothers. Stolen Childhoods.
Flower Gardens. Helpful neighbors. Loving Families.*

Which is the true story of public housing? Both- at different times- and sometimes both at the same time. And even in the worst of times, love and hope weren't gone. The story of public housing is complex, but it starts with a simple truth- that all people need a home.

January 27, 2010—“History Coming Home” An exhibit about home and shelter, triumph and resilience, inclusion and isolation, security and opportunity, will premiere February 8th 2010 in The Merchandise Mart South Lobby. It is sponsored through the generous support of The Chicago Community Trust and The Reva and David Logan Foundation, along with The Boeing Company. “The Merchandise Mart, in essence is all about ‘home,’ – how to make it comfortable, beautiful, an oasis from work and the world’s ills. It is the perfect place to begin discussions about the American home and what it means to our least advantaged citizens,” said NPHM Executive Director Keith L. Magee.

“We are elated that The Chicago Community Trust and The Reva and David Logan Foundation took the lead in bringing this exhibit to life, that we might share this complex story.” NPHM Board President Fred L. Bonner said. “We are also thankful to Boeing for being the presenting sponsor for our Museum in the Streets.”

The exhibit reveals public policies, oral histories and artifacts from public housing in cities from Chicago to Boston, from New Orleans to Sacramento. Within the walls of the South Lobby, visitors will find a trumpet and Boy Scout paraphernalia of former Ohio Congressman Louis Stokes, Outhwaite Home; a 1950s coffee pot and dishes from PJ Fitzgerald, former resident of Jane Addams; and a desk from Sunny Fischer, Executive Director of the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation, who grew up in the Eastchester Projects, Bronx, NY. You will also learn of public housing luminaries like Chicago’s Restaurateur Dick Portillo, Boston Celtic Tony Allen, Senator Mattie Hunter, and Pianist Reginald Robinson and nationally like Bill Cosby, Lloyd Blankfein, Justice Sonia Sotomayor and President Jimmy Carter.

“The city and the nation will have the chance to see what will be inside our walls when the Museum opens. Our museum speaks to the core of the American experience and allows everyone to know that decent people, regardless of their personal circumstances, have, can, and do live in public housing,” NPHM Founding Chair Deverra Beverly said.

“In 2012, the National Public Housing Museum will open as a permanent home for this complicated—yet often inspiring—history of public housing in America. If all people know about public housing is the tragic side, the exhibit will teach that there’s more to the story,” said Opening Reception Co-Chair Marjorie Craig Benton.



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The National Public Housing Museum is the first cultural institution dedicated to interpreting the American experience in public housing and illuminating the resilience of poor and working class families of every race and ethnicity. The Museum is slated to open in 2012 and will be located in the last remaining building of the Jane Addams Homes, a 1937 WPA building that was home to hundreds of public housing families until 2002.