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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY LAUNCHES CHESS FOR SUCCESS CLUBS AT FAMILY SITES

Cook County – The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) launched its first Chess for Kids Clubs at three of its family sites in Robbins, Chicago Heights and Ford Heights. The mission of the program is to focus on improving the quality of life for young people while offering a challenging activity that encourages problem-solving ability, sportsmanship, patience, and improved academic performance.

“Chess activities provide a safe, learning environment in our disadvantage housing communities and we know that these clubs can improve academic performance and build self-esteem among the children in our communities. We want to turn these kids into *Chess Champions* so that they build upon the critical thinking skills that are essential for developing academic achievement,” said HACC Executive Director Richard Monocchio.

Three Chess for Kids Clubs are scheduled to operate each week on Thursdays and Fridays from 4-6 p.m. during the Boys and Girls Club sessions. Parents and family members are also encouraged to participate.



The HACC will be expanding the clubs to include its senior and disabled properties. It has been proven that playing chess in old age keeps the mind sharp and challenges the brain. Bringing youth and seniors together is also another way to strengthen residential community bonds.

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