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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY HIRES VOUCHER RESIDENT AS WAITLIST COORDINATOR

Temporary Job turns into Permanent Employment for Hard Working Tenant

Cook County – The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) hired one of its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) tenants, Lorraine Jones, as part of the Agency's commitment to guarantee that employment and other economic opportunities created by Federal financial assistance for housing and community development programs should, if possible, be directed toward low- and very-low income persons, particularly those who are recipients of government assistance for housing.

Ms. Jones, 43 of Calumet City, has been a HACC voucher holder since 1999. She holds a Business of Administration degree from Trinity Christian College and an Associate's Degree in accounting from South Suburban Community College.



Lorraine Jones, HACC Waitlist Coordinator

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Her story is one of determination, hard work and strong belief in education. Her desire to return school is what made the difference in her life and future employment success. “I was laid off in 2014 from a job that I maintained for three years. I was not discouraged but even more determined to go back to school and strengthen my education background and job skills,” said Jones.

She also praised the HACC’s Family Self-Sufficiency Department and reiterated that the services like the resume writing workshops, job fairs, and financial literacy forums helped her to achieve her goals of self-sufficiency with steady employment. The resume writing forums featured on a monthly basis by the HACC improved her marketability and ultimately prepared her. The mock interviews gave her extra tools to enhance her communications skills.

The HACC was so impressed with Lorraine’s determination and goals and offered her a temporary job in the Low Income Public Housing Department. She performed with a positive can do attitude and was offered a permanent job as a Wait List Coordinator.

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