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THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF COOK COUNTY HOSTS 2nd JOB FAIR IN ROBBINS

Residents Continue to Seek Employment Opportunities at Largest Job Fair in 2016

(Cook County) -- The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) in cooperation with the Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership/BCS, and the Robbins Help Agency organized the largest Job Fair this year with more than 200 residents attending.

More than 31 companies, including workforce agencies and learning institutions were available to offer information and assist residents with job applications. Organizers were prepared and eager to hire participants on the spot with the holiday season fast approaching. Advocate, Aramark, O'Reilly's and Comcast were a few new companies added to the job fair list and pledged to work with the community and the HACC.

This marks the second job fair hosted in Robbins this year and proves that every job fair is an opportunity for area businesses to recruit community residents who are seeking employment and other resources.



Participants visit employer tables

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Robbins Job Fair

“We need to improve education, job skills, quality of housing, and help bring more County resources to the residents in the south suburbs of Cook County. These are the areas and families that need it the most” said HACC Executive Director Richard Monocchio.

Monocchio started the semi-annual tradition of hosting community job fairs in Robbins, so that residents could rely on at least two opportunities annually to search for the right job with the convenience of employers being housed in one location.

As part of the community policing partnership, the Cook County Sherriff’s office joined and provided bus service for residents and young adults who don’t have transportation resources.

The Housing Authority of Cook County through its Family Self Sufficiency and Human Services Program prepares residents monthly with tips on how to interview, dress for success, and prepare a resume. Several “How to Work a Job Fair” workshops are scheduled in advance at the family sites to encourage and prepare residents for upcoming job fairs.

The residents engage in mock interviews with the HACC’s Human Resources team and have the opportunity to prepare a resume geared toward their area of expertise or experience.

For participants who not successful in securing employment, 12 service agencies and education institutions including Moraine Valley Community College, National Able, OAI Inc. and Symbol Institute, were available to assist with advancing job skills and expanding education opportunities.

So far this year, more than 20 residents benefitted from the job fair resources and secured employment.

The Housing Authority of Cook County is the second largest public housing agency in Illinois and owns and operates 23 housing properties.

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