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Resident Training Program Leads to Bright Future

Sacramento, Calif., (May 31, 2007) - Cynthia Jackson has a reason to celebrate. Just two years ago, she faced many challenges as a single parent and Housing Authority program participant. It was difficult to balance work and support her children's school activities. Then she decided to take advantage of the Housing Authority's Resident Training Program which enabled her to improve her work skills and self-esteem and build a solid reputation of having a good work ethic.

Cynthia is a shining example of what happens when opportunity meets motivation. She says working in the Resident Training Program helped her discover that she must have purpose to her life. "My desire is to provide hope to those less fortunate," says Cynthia. "If I had a dream job, I would be an advocate for persons with disabilities." Today the future is looking bright for her and her family. In March 2007, she was offered a position with a private property management company and her new position comes with a significant pay raise plus benefits.



The Housing Authority is not only committed to providing decent, safe housing, but also to helping families achieve economic independence. Across the country, housing authorities have increased their areas of focus beyond assisting program participants with their basic housing needs to now include help with employment skills and on-the-job training.

The Resident Trainee program has become a valuable resource to families who are working hard to achieve self-sufficiency. Because the program is voluntary, participants tend to be highly motivated and focused individuals who achieve success and the program has achieved positive results. Since its inception, more than 100 residents have been placed in full time SHRA training positions. For more information about the Resident Training Program, contact Michael Johnson, Housing Choice Voucher Supervisor at (916) 440-1399 ext. 1303.

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SHRA (www.shra.org) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. The Agency is the leading public developer of affordable housing and oversees residential and commercial revitalization activities in 14 redevelopment areas throughout the City and County. SHRA has a FY 2007 budget of \$233.8 million and approximately 302 employees. The Agency owns and manages 3,144 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers approximately 11,000 rental assisted vouchers per month.

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