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### **HCBA, City of Chicago Launch Fifth Green Bungalow Block** *Green Bungalow Blocks Highlight Owners' Commitment to Community, Energy-Efficiency*

Chicago (March 22)---Providing bungalow and other homeowners with great ideas for what they can do to improve their homes and make them more energy efficient, the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association (HCBA) has started work on this year's Green Bungalow Block on the 7600 block of South Cregier Avenue in South Shore. Over the next several months, one bungalow on the block (7622 South Cregier) will be fully renovated and up to 20 other homes on the block will receive HCBA grants of up to \$5,000 for insulation, air-sealing, and other improvements that will make their homes more energy efficient. Homeowners can see up to a 30% reduction in their heating and electrical costs over time.

Renovation of the model home will be guided by the HCBA's Design Guidelines and the City of Chicago's Green Building guidelines and will include interior restoration and historically appropriate and environmentally sound landscaping, as well as measures to improve the energy efficiency of the home through the use of solar thermal panels for hot water generation, a tankless water heater, air-sealing and proper insulation.

This is the fifth Green Bungalow Block that has been undertaken by the HCBA, the others being the 6400 block of South Fairfield in Chicago Lawn (2002), the 7700 block of South Throop and 7600 block of South Ada in Auburn Gresham (2006), and the 5000 block of West Wolfram in Belmont Cragin (2007). Whereas all of the preceding year's Green Bungalow Blocks were used to inspire homeowners to make similar renovations to their homes (using HCBA grants and loans) through tours of the renovated homes, this year's Green Bungalow Block is being used to create additional opportunities for homeowners to see and learn.

Over the next months, as construction proceeds, HCBA Green Bungalow Seminars will be held at the model bungalow for hands-on demonstrations of various energy measures, interior restoration techniques and landscaping opportunities with public tours of the restored bungalow to be held when construction is complete.

"With homeowners staying put longer and increasingly thinking about investing in their homes to keep them both beautiful and more affordable, we are particularly excited about this year's Green Bungalow Block," says HCBA executive director Mary Ellen Guest. "The home is being renovated with methods that homeowners can adapt to their own situation and everyone will have

the opportunity to visit South Shore, one of the city's most beautiful bungalow belt neighborhoods.”

The bungalow was acquired from Bank of America using HCBA and federal Neighborhood Stabilization funds. As in the past, support for this year's Green Bungalow Block is provided by the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation and the City of Chicago's Department of Community Development with additional sponsorship from ABT, Bank of America, Comcast, the Richard H. Driehaus Charitable Lead Trust, Peoples Gas and Rode Bros.

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the HCBA, which since its founding in 2000, has attracted more than 10,000 members and has provided more than 4,500 grants and loans for energy efficiency and other home improvements. For more information about the Green Bungalow Block, the HCBA and the grants and loans available, please visit [www.chicagobungalow.org](http://www.chicagobungalow.org).

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