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HCBA Officially Announces 3rd Green Bungalow Block *Green Bungalow Blocks Highlight Owners' Commitment to Community, Energy-Efficiency*

CHICAGO (August 9th, 2007) – Providing needed repairs and energy savings to homeowners on one block and inspiration to thousands of others, City officials and representatives of the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association (HCBA) joined Alderman Ray Suarez (31st) today to launch the 2007 Green Bungalow Block on the 5000 block of West Wolfram Street.

Like its predecessors in Chicago Lawn (2002) and in Auburn Gresham (2006), the 2007 Green Bungalow Block involves the creation of a 'green model home' and 'green renovation' of all other participating homes on the block, each of which will receive grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$13,000 to undertake preservation and renovations to enhance energy efficiency, including repairs of windows, roofs and home insulation – proven to be the best at increasing energy efficiency and reducing energy bills.

Those who do not formally participate in the program will be provided with a 'green homes kit' including a rain barrel, programmable thermostat, weatherization materials and a green homes guide.

"We are a strong neighborhood and intend to stay that way," said 31st Ward Alderman Ray Suarez. "By making our homes energy efficient, we keep them affordable to the families of today and tomorrow who are the backbone of our neighborhoods and our city."

"What we're doing here is both good for the block and good for the City of Chicago," said Annette Conti, Executive Director of the HCBA, "and we want to share the work and the lessons learned with everyone." Conti said that people throughout the city will have numerous opportunities to learn more about keeping their homes beautiful and affordable by going green.

"In October, just before the Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo, the HCBA will have Green Bungalow Block tours of the homes on Wolfram. On October 27th the Expo will offer workshops on all the aspects of bungalow renovation including energy efficient alternatives and financing. Throughout the summer, there will be workshops at the 5010 W. Wolfram home on various aspects of restoration." More

information on the Expo and Green Bungalow Block tours will be available at www.chicagobungalow.org.

Each year, in partnership with the City's Departments of Environment and Housing and the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation, the HCBA distributes hundreds of thousands of dollars in Energy Savers Grants to aid bungalow owners in restoring their homes and making them energy efficient.

"These classic bungalows, like so much of Chicago's housing, are a great asset to our city. They are homes and neighborhoods that housed Chicago's families for the past century, and we hope will last another," said Ellen Sahli, Acting Commissioner for the City of Chicago's Department of Housing. "What we have learned is that going green is the key to housing preservation and affordability."

Since the year 2000, more than 9,000 bungalows have been certified and more than 4,000 bungalow owners have utilized grants and low-cost financing for home purchase and 'greening'.

For more information about the Green Bungalow Block, Historic Chicago Bungalow and Green Home Expo or the HCBA, please visit www.chicagobungalow.org or call 312-642-9900.

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FOR EDITORS: Photos of the event are available at the following websites.

Photo #1: <http://www.mkepr.com/admin/2007bungalowblocksuarez.jpg>

Suggested Caption: "Alderman Ray Suarez (31st) greets members of the Third Annual Green Bungalow Block, presented by the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association and the City of Chicago."

Photo #2: <http://www.mkepr.com/admin/2007bungalowblockrainbarrel.jpg>

Suggested Caption: "Erica Burt, from the City of Chicago's Department of Environment discusses the importance and use of the City's rain barrels. Members of the Third Annual Green Bungalow Block were each given a rain barrel to aid in energy conservation and efficiency."

Photo #3: <http://www.mkepr.com/admin/2007bungalowblockjohnston.jpg>

Suggested Caption: "Department of Environment Commissioner Sadhu Johnston answers questions about energy efficiency at the official launch of the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association's Third Annual Green Bungalow Block."

Photos are courtesy of the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association.