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Grant Allows Housing Authority to Promote Education and Literacy

LOS ANGELES – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding will allow youth from public housing developments to participate in the citywide Annual **Spelling Bee** on Wednesday, April 8, 2009. This program provides youth from low-income families a learning opportunity to increase literacy. HACLA is excited to help enrich the lives of participating youth and promote educational values.

Public Housing youth grades 1 through 5 are eligible to participate in this educational event. The program, initiated more than ten years ago, spearheaded by Consuelo Telfair of San Fernando Gardens CSC staff encourages and supports youth in their educational goals, promotes literacy and emphasizes the importance of staying in school. Students have been preparing by taking part in weekly study sessions to broaden their vocabulary.

There are three categories: Category I (1st – 2nd grades), Category II (3rd-4th grades), and Category III (5th grade). Each category may have up to three winners: 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Each participating public housing site holds a Preliminary Spelling Bee round. The winners of the round compete in a regional round with other sites for spots in the Final Spelling Bee. The winners will receive Wii Game & Bundle, Nintendo DS & Game and Nano iPod.

This year's event will be held at:

When: Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Time: 10:00am to 3:30pm.

Where: Universal Studios Cinemas

Details: The itinerary includes competition, awards ceremony, lunch and a movie.

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