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**Seniors Living at Historic Building will Experience
Warmer Winters with Help from CEDA and ComEd**

Altenheim Apartments receive weatherization upgrades, local officials invited to tour facility

CHICAGO—(Oct. 30, 2008) Residents at the historic Altenheim Apartments, an independent living complex for seniors, in Forest Park, are prepared to face extreme temperatures this winter due to energy conservation upgrades provided by CEDA and ComEd. This year, ComEd provided a grant to the Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP), resulting in more than \$90,000 invested in weatherizing work.

In recognition of National Weatherization Day on Oct. 30, CEDA and ComEd will take elected officials and community leaders on a tour of the Altenheim, located at 7824 W. Madison Street, to offer a firsthand look at the weatherization improvements that will help residents keep warm this winter.

“We can’t overlook the needs of residents in independent living apartments just because they’re not residing in traditional homes, said John Hamilton, CEDA director of Weatherization.

“There’s a large population of seniors in apartment complexes like the Altenheim that need energy assistance as do many of our clients and we’re proud to serve them.”

“ComEd is committed to providing weatherization assistance and information to our customers as a way to manage their bills and stay warm this winter,” said Fidel Marquez, ComEd vice president for External Affairs and Large Customer Services. “Buildings such as the Altenheim, that have been around for decades, need proper maintenance and repair like any residence. Tenants and building management will benefit from a warmer, more energy efficient building.”

Upgrades brought to the Altenheim by the CEDA/ComEd team include:

- Installation of state-of-the-art spray-applied foam attic insulation,
- Cleaning and tuning of wall heating systems,
- Water heater adjustments, and
- Replacing inefficient air conditioners and refrigerators with Energy Star® appliances.

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CEDA provided contractors who, over the course of six weeks, installed the various improvements so that apartments will now be safer and more livable, especially during the extremes of summer and winter.

Residents were impressed with the entire operation and are looking forward to the benefits of energy efficiency and lower energy bills, said Gayle Fahey, director at Altenheim.

Homes and apartments are selected for energy upgrades in part by each location's energy usage and energy efficiency needs. The Altenheim Apartments, home to 36 senior households, was selected after a vetting process that warranted weatherization upgrades and took into consideration the building's history which dates back 125 years and provided the backdrop for three Hollywood movies.

National Weatherization Day celebrates the accomplishments of weatherization programs all across the country. CEDA operates several energy assistance programs throughout Cook County and also administers the IHWAP, a federal, state, and local partnership that works in tandem with ComEd CARE (Customers' Affordable Reliable Energy), ComEd's energy education and assistance program for residential and business customers. This year, ComEd has helped to weatherize 628 residential housing units.

On Thursday, Oct. 30, from 9:30 to 1 p.m., local officials will tour the facility, speak with residents and apartment personnel and view before and after photos of the project. Representatives from CEDA and ComEd will be in attendance to explain the procedures and processes involved in the IHWAP and ComEd Care.

For more information about weatherization, energy efficiency, and ComEd CARE assistance programs, visit www.ComEd.com or call (888) 806-2273. To learn more about the IHWAP, visit www.cedaorg.net.

The Community and Economic Development Association of Cook County, Inc. (CEDA) is one of the nation's largest non-profit organizations that serves more than 375,000 individuals annually and operates over 40 programs throughout Cook County in the areas of education, housing, economic development, family and children services, health and nutrition, and several others.

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