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Bellerive Residents “Welcomed Home” to New Apartments

Houston - The Houston Housing Authority (HHA) and the “Soul Destination” Sunday school class of Second Baptist Church held a “welcome home” celebration for more than 200 residents at the HHA’s Bellerive community on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 24.

As part of the welcome home festivities, Second Baptist Church provided gifts, refreshments and games. Congressman Al Green also attended to welcome the residents back and to thank all who had a hand in returning them to their homes. The Housing Authority presented a plaque, honoring all residents who resided at Bellerive at the time of the fire.

“We are excited to welcome home the families of our Bellerive community,” said Ernie Etuk, president and CEO of the Houston Housing Authority. “We know they are happy, too, to be back home with their friends in these beautiful new apartments.”

The Bellerive mid-rise apartment building, which provides affordable housing for senior citizens, was damaged by a fire in November 2007, and has been undergoing construction to repair the damages since that time. All residents were relocated temporarily to other HHA properties, to privately owned facilities or relatives’ homes.

The Houston Housing Authority provides affordable homes to more than 60,000 people throughout Houston. The agency and its affiliates own and operate 25 housing communities with more than 6,500 units for families, elderly and other residents. More information about HHA can be found at www.housingforhouston.com.

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Photos – Captions:

#74 – Congressman Al Green (back row, right) participates with residents and Houston Housing Authority employees at the Welcome Home party for Bellerive residents

#88 – Congressman Al Green (left) and Anthony Woods, HHA Vice President, Housing Operations, present the plaque recognizing Bellerive residents at the time of the fire in November 2007.

#35 – Second Baptist Church “Soul Destination” Sunday school class members hand out “welcome home” gifts to Bellerive residents.