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HUNDREDS OF PUBLIC HOUSING FAMILIES TO RECEIVE FREE BROADBAND THROUGH CONNECTHOME INITIATIVE

Los Angeles, CA – The Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles (HACLA) was selected to participate in President Barack Obama’s ConnectHome Initiative. The pilot program is launching in twenty-seven cities and one tribal nation and will initially reach over 275,000 low-income households – and nearly 200,000 children – with the support they need to access the Internet at home. Internet Service Providers, non-profits and the private sector will offer broadband access, technical training, digital literacy programs, and devices for residents in assisted housing units.

In Los Angeles, HACLA is partnering with Sprint to provide free internet service for four years to eligible K-12 households. Over 400 public housing households have registered to take advantage of this program.

ConnectHome is [the next step](#) in the President’s continued efforts to expand high speed broadband to all Americans and builds on his ConnectED initiative that is on track to connect 99 percent of K-12 students to high-speed Internet in their classrooms and libraries over the next five years. ConnectHome will help ensure that these students still have access to high-speed Internet once they are home.

WHAT: ConnectHome LA digital literacy training and Sprint device deployment

Nearly 100 households will receive digital literacy training and receive computers and hotspots devices. Community Partners will showcase applications, websites and other digital tools that could assist families access health, education, economic and resident resources.

WHERE: Ramona Gardens Public Housing Community, Gym

**2830 Lancaster Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90033**

WHEN: Saturday, February 27, 2016

9:30 am – 5:00 pm

This event is open to the media from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

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