



**National  
Public Housing  
Museum**

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**NATIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING MUSEUM NOMINATED FOR USA  
TODAY READERS' CHOICE “BEST NEW MUSEUM” AWARD**

*Voting Runs November 24 - December 22, 2025*

**Chicago, Illinois (November 24, 2025)** – The **National Public Housing Museum** was nominated for USA Today’s 10BEST Readers’ Choice Awards for Best New Museum, recognizing the institution’s long-awaited public opening and its role in preserving stories often left out of the narrative of American history. Voting runs November 24 - December 22, 2025, at [10best.usatoday.com](https://10best.usatoday.com).



More than 10 million people nationwide have lived in public housing during the past century. When Chicago's public housing landscape underwent sweeping reforms in the late 1990s, resulting in the demolition of thousands of public housing units, residents and community organizers envisioned a place that would safeguard memories, share history, and confront the country's complicated housing policy past. After years of planning and advocacy, the Museum opened in April 2025 in the last remaining building of the historic Jane Addams Homes on Chicago's Near West Side.

Anchored by vivid art installations and three historic apartment tours that tell personal stories from the everyday lives of Jane Addams Homes residents from the 1930s through 1970s, the Museum offers a deeper look into the history of public housing in the United States. The restored *Animal Court* features playful stone sculptures by **Edgar Miller**. *The REC Room*, curated by **DJ Spinderella** of Salt-N-Pepa, celebrates musicians who once called public housing home, including **Elvis Presley**, **Curtis Mayfield**, **Barbra Streisand**, **Kenny Rogers**, and **Mary J Blige**. *Care to Look* displays artifacts preserved during renovation, including mailboxes, the laundry room sink, an intercom, and a medicine cabinet, memorializing the building as a home where people once lived. Outside, *Resilient Hues* welcomes visitors with vibrant public art inspired by paint chips collected from the building after the last residents departed.

To plan a visit, and for more information, visit [www.nphm.org](http://www.nphm.org).

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Images Available at National Public Housing Museum [Media Center](#)

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HOUSING MUSEUM**

Our story starts with a simple truth: that all people have the right to a home. Founded by public housing residents, the National Public Housing Museum is the first cultural institution dedicated to interpreting the American experience in public housing. Filled with history, memories, music, and art, the Museum is a welcoming community gathering place that honors the stories and experiences of public housing residents. Through partnerships and programs, the Museum also serves as a civic incubator that inspires visitors to take informed action to advance housing justice. [www.nphm.org](http://www.nphm.org)