

## Christiansburg nonprofit recognized for energy efficiency efforts

Community Housing Partners has been recognized by the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises Inc. for the highest production among FAHE'S 46 member organizations of energy efficiency in multifamily housing last year.

"We are honored to be named by FAHE as an energy innovator," said James Ruhland, a project manager with Community Design Studio, the architectural arm of CHP.

"For over thirty-five years, CHP has been committed to creating affordable and sustainable housing for the people and communities we serve, which includes building and retrofitting homes to a high level of performance and comfort."

As part of these efforts, CHP articulated principles of sustainability for the organization and made a mission-driven decision to "go green" in 2003. Three years later, CHP formally

adopted the national EarthCraft scoring system to guide and shape the rehabilitation of all its multifamily preservation and new construction projects in Virginia.

Since that time, CHP has developed or had a role in the development of 19 EarthCraft-certified multifamily communities, for a total of 940 units of affordable housing across Virginia.

Because it adheres to such rigid design and building standards on its projects, all of CHP's multifamily homes include energy-saving measures that exceeds building code requirements, such as Energy Star windows, appliances, lighting fixtures and water-conserving fixtures.

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