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HUD Presents Energy Star National Award to Community Housing Partners

On March 24th, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development Richmond Office acting Director, Mark Brezina announced that a Virginia non-profit, the Community Housing Partners (CHP), was selected to receive one of only four national Energy Star Awards in recognition of their energy conserving efforts. CHP has been a tremendous contributor to Energy Conservation and to the Energy Star concept. They created the New River Center for Energy Research and Training, which has trained over 2,900 participants in energy conservation, energy auditing and weatherization procedures. CHP is currently in the process of creating a full-service energy conservation training center to serve the weatherization network.

Headquartered in Christiansburg, CHP is a non-profit community development corporation that has been serving the housing needs of persons of low wealth for the past 34 years. They own and/or manage over 5,100 units of energy efficient, affordable multifamily housing in 4 states. These homes are rented to individuals and families with incomes between 40-60% of their area's median income. They design, build and sell affordable, single family new homes that are built to EarthCraft and Energy Star standards. All of CHP's residents—homebuyers and renters—are given green operations manuals to learn how to take care of the energy efficiency features of their homes; how to save money on energy costs; and general education on how to reduce their own carbon footprint by living more efficiently and thoughtfully on the planet.

Steven Walz, Senior Advisor to the Governor for Energy and Director of the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy, represented the Governor and expressed his appreciation for CHP's stellar work in the area of energy conservation and job creation.

Orlando Artze, Executive Vice President and COO of CHP, received the award and expressed his appreciation of this recognition on behalf of CHP and their partners.

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