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Virginia Governor Kaine Visits CHP's Weatherization Crew on Job Site in King George County

Christiansburg, Va. – Virginia Governor Tim Kaine and members of his cabinet and senior staff joined members of Community Housing Partners' weatherization team and the Rappahannock Area Agency on Aging on Wednesday, July 29 to highlight the increased funding for the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Weatherization Assistance Program as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Governor and cabinet members performed weatherization work alongside CHP's weatherization crew at a King George County, Virginia mobile home as part of President Obama's United We Serve initiative, which calls for a summer of community service.

CHP's weatherization program reduces energy costs for low-income families by improving the efficiency of their homes, while also assessing and eliminating related health and safety issues. Funded with federal dollars administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), CHP's weatherization team completes a site-specific energy audit that includes blower door directed air leakage diagnostics, heating system safety and efficiency diagnostics, duct leakage diagnostics, and insulation needs.

As Kaine helped seal an air duct in the home of senior citizen Katherine Smith, he commented, "Everyone needs to be more concerned about efficiency and energy savings. Especially people in low incomes." CHP Vice President of Energy Services Bill Beachy agreed. "Our services are needed more than ever in these hard financial times, and thanks to the increase in weatherization funding we have been able to assist almost four times as many households as we did only a year ago."



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About Community Housing Partners:

Community Housing Partners (CHP) is a 501(c)(3) Community Development Corporation established in 1975 to serve the needs of low-income and low-wealth individuals in the southeast. Our mission is to create affordable, green, sustainable housing opportunities and services for the people and communities we serve.

CHP's activities include sustainable development, architectural design, construction, energy services, homeownership, housing management, and resident and youth services. These efforts, in concert with public and private partnerships, enable us to create and sustain communities of choice that are environmentally friendly, economical to operate, attractive, well-maintained, and durable for the long term.

Since its inception, CHP has expanded its service area to encompass 3 states; assisted or produced more than 2,000 single-family houses; built a multi-family housing inventory of over 4,700 units; and assisted more than 189,500 individuals with their economic, housing, and social needs. Our clients include elderly people, women and children in transition, formerly-homeless people, single female heads-of-household, the chronically mentally ill, at-risk youth and other families and individuals of low-income and low-wealth.

CHP is a chartered member of NeighborWorks® America, and a member of both the Housing Partnership Network and the Federation of Appalachian Housing Enterprises. For more information about CHP, visit www.communityhousingpartners.org.



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