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Federal Stimulus Package Means Expanded Weatherization Services Provided by CHP

Christiansburg, Va. – With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) plan enacted into law this past February, weatherization providers such as CHP have begun to see a major increase in home weatherization services they offer. President Obama’s stimulus bill, in conjunction with a significant increase in weatherization money from Congress earlier this winter, means CHP will ultimately experience an increase in weatherization funding by almost ten times the annual production level for at least the next two years, according to Bill Beachy, CHP’s Vice President of Energy Services.

“The increase in weatherization funding is helping us to create even more homes that are safer and more energy-efficient, which consequently means a reduced impact on the environment and our clients’ bank accounts,” Beachy said.

In fact, since October, 2008, CHP has:

- *Doubled the number of our crew staff from 15 to 30 employees*
- *Almost quadrupled our production since this time last year*
- *Witnessed the growth of our waiting list from approximately 165 households to almost 800*
- *Provided well over 6,000 hours of training related to the ARRA*
- *Increased average materials cost per job from \$1,521 to \$3,675*
- *Quadrupled the amount of work subcontracted out for single-family housing*
- *Committed over \$12 million to subcontracted weatherization and weatherization-related work for multi-family properties*

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



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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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