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Community Housing Partners Bids Farewell to Board Chair Ted Koebel and Welcomes Jane Henderson to Position

Christiansburg, Va. -- After 16 years of dedicated service on Community Housing Partners' Board of Directors, fourteen of them as its Chairman, C. Theodore "Ted" Koebel is retiring from the Board. The position will be filled by current CHP Board member Jane Henderson.

Said CHP President and CEO Janaka Casper, "I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Ted for his vision and expert leadership while governing CHP during a period of rapid growth of its programs, personnel, and service area." Under Koebel's guidance, CHP launched an energy conservation training center (NRCERT), an at-risk-youth facility (Tekoa), an architectural studio (Community Design Studio), and a small business lending company (New Enterprises Fund). Today, CHP's service area covers 4 states, staff has tripled to almost 300, and the company's net worth has increased 1,100%.

As the Program Chair and Professor of Virginia Tech's department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Koebel has provided CHP with invaluable wisdom and experience related to housing and community development. "We owe a great deal of CHP's success to Ted's thoughtful oversight and steadfast commitment to our mission; he will truly be missed," added Casper.

Henderson, currently the President and CEO of Virginia Community Capital, Inc. (VCC), received her B.A in business administration from Gettysburg College and an M.S. in finance from St. Joseph's University. In addition to serving on NeighborWorks Capital Board of Directors, Henderson is the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond's Consumer Advisory Council; a member of the RUPRI Rural Development Advisory Board, and the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta Community Development Advisory Board.

"Jane has been an exceptional member of our Board for 15 years and has a distinguished record serving other non-profit organizations in the region. Her knowledge and leadership will be extremely valuable as CHP continues to provide affordable housing opportunities across the southeast," stated Casper.



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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 4 states; assisted or produced more than 2,000 single-family houses; built a multi-family housing inventory of over 5,000 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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