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AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GRAND OPENING IN BOOTHBAY HARBOR
An Affordable Housing Property for Families and Seniors in Boothbay Harbor will be
Celebrated on Thursday, September 26th, 2013

September 25, 2013 – Boothbay Harbor, ME – Community Housing of Maine (CHOM) will be hosting a grand opening celebration at Campbell Creek Village, which offers 36 units in 7 buildings in Boothbay Harbor. The event will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013, from 12 – 3pm on Andrea Lane.



The property will be open to the public during this event, and a barbecue will be held at noon. Speakers include: Bill Bailey, Area Director, USDA Rural Development; Peter Merrill, Deputy Director of MaineHousing; Jan McCormick, Vice President of Northern New England Housing Investment Fund; Holly Stover, Director of Maine Department of Health and Human Services Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; and Rev. Dr. Sarah Foulger from Boothbay Harbor Congregational Church.

The Campbell Creek Village rehabilitation project renewed Harbor Pines and West Harbor Pines in Boothbay Harbor, and provides affordable housing for families and seniors. The community has undergone significant renovations in 2012 and early 2013 to completely remodel apartment interiors and exteriors. Campbell Creek Village is conveniently located in close proximity to banking, shopping, entertainment and employment opportunities, making this an ideal place to live.

This project was an occupied renovation, which required significant collaboration and relationship building between the developer, construction management, property management, and Campbell Creek Village residents in order to ensure the project was undertaken and carried out in an expedient and respectful manner.

Campbell Creek Village is a very successful and important rural affordable housing project in a

beautiful coastal town which exemplifies the positive effect rural development programs have. It is a tangible example illustrating the value of preserving this funding.

USDA Rural Development State Director Virginia Manuel said, “These valuable renovations mean a quality and affordable home for local families and seniors. I am so pleased that USDA Rural Development could provide integral funding in the form of a Multi-Family Housing Preservation and Revitalization Loan of \$286,700 along with ongoing Rental Assistance for 33 of the 36 units to help sustain tenants at Campbell Creek Village.”

Governor LePage very recently re-allowed bond financing for housing projects, lifting a two-year moratorium. Campbell Creek Village will be the first grand opening of a bond-financed affordable housing project in Maine since that change and showcases the positive effect these bond projects have on low-income individuals and families, as well as the communities in which they reside. Housing projects such as Campbell Creek Village offer significant job creation, acting as another economic stimulus instrument for the state. Campbell Creek Village reinvigorated a prior investment in affordable housing, sustained affordable housing availability in a coastal, high rent area, and was a reinvestment in the community on the whole.

“We are very pleased to be able to breathe new life into this important housing project,” said Cullen Ryan, Executive Director of CHOM. “These residents now have a proud place to call home, and are no longer at risk of losing their housing and the stability that goes with it.”



The renovations were designed and supervised by CWS Architects, with support from Bennett Engineering, L&L Structural Engineering, and Mitchell & Associates Landscape Architects. Thornton Thomasetti provided energy modeling assistance, and Horizon Energy provided blower door testing. Summit Environmental Consultants provided testing and remediation advice. The General Contractor was Great Falls Construction.

MaineHousing, USDA Rural Development, and the Genesis Community Loan Fund provided construction and permanent financing for the project.

CHOM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charitable organization that as its core mission provides advocacy, supportive housing, community inclusion, and stability for homeless and special needs populations across the state. CHOM is celebrating its 20th year of housing Maine's most vulnerable populations. Find out more about CHOM at: www.chomhousing.org

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