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MHP Recognized as NeighborWorks Green Organization

Program honors organizations with sustainable business practices that save money and improve environments for low- and moderate-income families

(Silver Spring, MD – November 18, 2013) – Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP), a private, nonprofit real estate development organization, has been recognized as a NeighborWorks Green Organization for its comprehensive commitment to sustainable operations. To achieve this designation, MHP was required to demonstrate adherence to a set of green business practices across its operations and all of its program areas.

This is the second consecutive year that NeighborWorks America has recognized member organizations for their efforts to create healthier, energy-efficient environments for homeowners, renters, community residents and employees. To date, 42 NeighborWorks organizations have achieved this designation.

MHP is committed to green practices. It has focused its real estate development activity on achieving Enterprise Green Communities standards since 2008 through energy efficient upgrades, and using green building products and processes throughout its multifamily portfolio. Additionally, MHP joined the Nonprofit Energy Alliance in 2010. MHP also began exposing its residents to the benefits of recycling, healthy eating, and sustainability in 2009 by distributing recycling containers door-to-door to tenants, building community gardens at several properties, and incorporating the information into the curriculum for the Community Life programs.

“We are especially thrilled that students and young children living in our communities have embraced our green focus through their active participation in our Green Clubs and community cleanup projects,” said Robert A. Goldman, President of MHP. “The Green Club at our Glenville Road property in Silver Spring, which has 18 members, has become the model by which our staff engages other students in neighborhoods throughout Montgomery County to teach them meaningful ways to become better stewards of the environment. These students, in turn, are teaching their parents and other adults in the community, and their leadership is amazing to watch.”

NeighborWorks America, which creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes, improve their lives and strengthen their communities, supports a network of more than 240 nonprofits, located in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The NeighborWorks Green Organization designation is significant because it challenges organizations to be comprehensive in their efforts to be green. Collectively, these activities help reduce energy and water consumption and costs, create healthier living and working environments, and promote sustainable communities.

“MHP is a leader in sustainable business practices, helping individuals and families become healthier with an improved quality of life,” said NeighborWorks America CEO Eileen M. Fitzgerald.

MHP’s holistic approach to housing includes providing affordable rents, developing educational programs for residents to expand their opportunities and balance their lives, and implementing neighborhood revitalization efforts. For more information about its work, visit www.MHPartners.org or follow on Facebook and Twitter.

For more information on the green designation, and to see the complete list of designees, go to nw.org/green.

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About MHP

Montgomery Housing Partnership (MHP) creates quality, affordable homes in Montgomery County. It is a private, nonprofit housing development organization that advances its mission by housing people, empowering families, and strengthening neighborhoods. Through its affiliates, MHP has developed 1,400 units of affordable apartments, condos, and townhomes. MHP also works with residents to enhance the vitality of the neighborhoods where affordable housing is located, and implements Community Life Programs for its residents. It is a chartered member of NeighborWorks® America.

About NeighborWorks® America

For nearly 35 years, NeighborWorks America has created opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership and to safe and affordable rental housing. In the last five years, NeighborWorks organizations have generated more than \$19.5 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks America is the nation's leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals.

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Glenville Road Green Club Hard at Work



Silver Spring, MD – In observance of Community Service Week in Montgomery County, more than 15 students from MHP's Glenville Road Green Club came out early October 26 to help stain the fence along the property line in the Long Branch neighborhood in Silver Spring.

The day before, students and parents picked up trash and debris in the common areas throughout the cul-de-sac.

MHP owns several of the small apartment buildings in the neighborhood and operates a community center in one of the buildings.