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Montgomery Housing Partnership Wins Award for Best Community Development Program

June 24, 2008 – Silver Spring, MD Montgomery Housing Partnership, Inc. (MHP) was awarded the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) Best Community Development Program Award on June 2, 2008 at their annual luncheon at the Hilton in McLean, Virginia. This award is in recognition of MHP's Neighborhood Revitalization efforts in Connecticut Avenue Estates (CAE) and the 8800 block of Glenville Road.

For more than 10 years, MHP has focused on the needs of targeted neighborhoods that are suffering from decline, vacancies, criminal activities and illegal dumping. Numerous communities in Montgomery County have benefited from the program over the years, including Connecticut Avenue Estates in Silver Spring and the 8800 block of Glenville Road in Takoma Park. MHP works with residents to reduce vacancies improve quality of life issues and strengthen community associations.

In addition to the Best Community Development Program Award, two young residents from MHP communities were awarded runner up prizes in the 2008 HAND Children's Art Contest. **Devernae Kayla Jordan**, a resident of Greenwood Terrace Apartments in Takoma Park, and **Stacie Rivas**, a resident of Pembridge Apartments in Wheaton, were awarded gift certificates for their creative efforts. This contest is open to all children between the ages of 7 and 10 who reside in housing provided by one of the HAND member agencies.

Montgomery Housing Partnership's mission is to preserve and expand quality affordable housing in Montgomery County. This mission is accomplished by acquiring, rehabilitating, building and managing quality affordable housing; enhancing the vitality of the neighborhoods in which affordable housing is located; and developing and implementing community life programs in those neighborhoods.

The Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) was formed in 1991, to support a professional community of housing providers in order to increase the supply of affordable housing in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.