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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING DESIGN AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED
MONDAY, APRIL 4 at
17TH ANNUAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUMMIT**

Four awards presented to local architects

Four winners of a competition to identify the best designed affordable housing in the Washington, DC region will be announced Friday, April 4 at the 17th annual Affordable Housing Conference Summit. The Summit will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, MD from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

The 2008 Architectural Awards Program is sponsored by **Chevy Chase Bank**.

Prizes will be awarded in two categories: New Construction and Renovation of affordable properties.

The **first place award for design in new construction** will be given to the firm of Grimm + Parker Architects for their work on Victoria Park at Edgewater in Edgewater, MD. This 102-unit community was built by Hamel Builders. Funding for this project included Maryland DHCD, Tax credits, Anne Arundel County and Reilly Mortgage Group.

The **second place award for design in new construction** will be given to Torti Gallas and Partners Inc. for their work on Victory Heights, in Washington, DC. This 75-unit apartment community developed and owned by Victory Housing, Inc. and built by Hamel Builders serves low income seniors with 50% area median income. Funding for this project included a \$7,158,700 Section 202 capital grant from HUD, a \$4,250,000 HOME loan from the District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development, and grants from The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (\$25,000), The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation (\$150,000), and The Clark Charitable Foundation (\$25,000). The National Capital Revitalization Corporation provided the land at nominal cost.

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The **first place award for renovation** will be given to Wiencek + Associates Architects + Planners, PC for their work on Chevy Chase Lake Apartments in Chevy Chase, MD. This 68-unit apartment community was developed by Chevy Chase Lake Development Corporation and the Housing Opportunities Commission. The builder was The Michael Group, Inc. The project serves individuals 21% at or below 50% AMI. Funding for this project was provided by the Montgomery County Housing Initiatives Fund.

The **second place award for renovation** will be given to Wiencek + Associates Architects + Planners, PC for their work on Spring Garden Apartments, in Silver Spring, MD. The project was developed by Spring Garden One Associates and the Housing Opportunities Commission and built by Struever Brothers, Eccles & Rouse, Inc. this property includes 83 units for individuals/families at or below 50% of AMI. Funding for this project was provided by the Montgomery County Housing Initiatives Fund.

The annual competition is open to architects who are members of the Potomac Valley Chapter and/or the DC Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The projects must be located in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Any project which uses housing subsidy funds other than the mortgage interest deduction and which provides assisted housing to more that 30% of its residents are eligible. All of this year's entries will be on exhibit at the Conference.

This year's housing summit will combine the innovative perspectives of a dynamic line-up of speakers and panelists, including Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett and County Council President Michael Knapp. U.S. Representative Chris Van Hollen is also speaking during the Conference's Opening Session.

Attendees will also hear from housing experts including the Director of Montgomery County Department of Housing and Community Affairs Richard Y. Nelson, Jr.; Planning Board Chairman Royce Hanson; and Executive Director of Housing Opportunities Commission D. Scott Minton. Discussions and question-and-answer sessions will take place with the housing experts.

The Affordable Housing Conference is open to the public. Persons interested in attending can register on-line at www.affordablehousingconference.org