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MHDC Accepts National *2013 ENERGY STAR® Award*

Milford, DE,– Milford Housing Development Corporation (MHDC) has accepted the national 2013 ENERGY STAR® Award for Excellence in Energy-Efficient Affordable Housing from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in recognition of its efforts to provide energy-efficient housing for low-income residents. MHDC was recognized at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. on March 26, 2013.

“MHDC is committed to being a leader in energy-efficient, affordable housing, and believes everyone regardless of income has the right to quality housing at an affordable price. Participating in the Energy Star program is a key component to this commitment,” said David Moore, President/CEO of MHDC.



Pictured above from left to right: Dan Van Vorst, MHDC Construction Manager; Jonathan Passe, Director of ENERGY STAR Residential Branch

Since 2007, MHDC has been proud builder of Energy Star-certified affordable housing. MHDC continues to be a strong leader in developing energy-efficient affordable housing solutions, including both rental and homeownership opportunities. MHDC has been awarded the regional ENERGY STAR® award both in 2009 and 2010. This is the second year MHDC has been awarded the national ENERGY STAR® Award for Excellence the first being in 2012, a feat unmatched by any other nonprofit affordable housing provider in Delaware.

MHDC received the ENERGY STAR® recognition for its dedication to making homeownership more affordable through ENERGY STAR® and its Self-Help Housing program. Key accomplishments from the past year include:

- Developing 26 homeownership units for low income households through its Self-Help Housing Program, all of which are ENERGY STAR® certified.
- Lowering monthly utility costs of homeowners by approximately \$50 to \$70 compared to the estimated costs in comparable noncertified homes.
- Promoting its ENERGY STAR® partnership on its website and placing Energy Star plaques on each home so homeowners can proudly acknowledge their certified homes.

About MHDC

MHDC is a mission-driven housing developer with a sensible approach in a caring environment for people of modest means. Known for their open-minded approach, commitment to quality, and a caring and sound passion for client and staff alike, MHDC provides transitional housing, rental housing, homeownership opportunities, and home rehabilitation services as well. Since 1997, MHDC has offered the Self-Help Housing Program as an alternative path to homeownership to families who might not otherwise be eligible through traditional avenues. The Self-Help Housing Program utilizes a sweat equity model to homeownership for very-low to low-income families. It is the only federally-funded homeownership program specifically for rural America. MHDC Self-Help families average over \$32,000 in sweat equity per home. For more information about MHDC or the Self-Help Housing Program please visit www.milfordhousing.com or call (302) 422-8255.

About ENERGY STAR

ENERGY STAR was introduced by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, ENERGY STAR offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. About 20,000 organizations are ENERGY STAR partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. For more information about ENERGY STAR, visit www.energystar.gov or call toll-free 1-888-STAR-YES (1-888-782-7937).

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