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Agencies Host Open House at Moberly Associates Apartments

Three agencies highlighted a partnership Oct. 12 that led to the \$1.6 million renovation and purchase of the Moberly Associates Apartments by the not-for-profit North East Community Action Corporation (NECAC).

NECAC, USDA Rural Development and the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC) held an open house and dedication at the 24-unit complex at 2105 Silva Lane near the intersection of U.S. 63 and U.S. 24 on the northeast side of Moberly. NECAC bought the USDA-built apartments using funding award by MHDC.

“This is by no means the first partnership that NECAC has been associated with, and it certainly won’t be the last,” said Don Patrick, NECAC President and Chief Executive Officer.

“In association with our service partners, NECAC is pleased to blaze a trail of self-sufficiency, home-ownership, improved housing and a better quality of life for thousands of people who call this region of Missouri home.”

“Without this partnership, we would not be able to help provide good, safe, affordable housing for the residents in rural Missouri,” said Janie Dunning, USDA Rural Development Multi-Family Housing Program Director. “NECAC, MHDC and the rest of the partners have looked outside the box and we’re finding ways to fix these units up and still keep them affordable.”

“If you think about how we go about insuring that folks have a good place to live, NECAC becomes one of the special organizations that we have that develops and redevelops housing,” said David Bryan, public relations coordinator for the Missouri Housing Development Commission (MHDC).

NECAC was awarded a \$1.6 million financing package of state and federal tax credits by MHDC in December 2004 to complete the renovation and assume ownership of the complex, which consists of 12 one-bedroom and 12 two-bedroom apartments housed in six buildings.

The renovation included new heating and air conditioning units, new roofs, appliances, flooring and sidewalks. The apartments were built in 1983 through a loan from USDA Rural Development.

NECAC is a 12-county area not-for-profit social service, community health and public housing Community Action Agency which operates and delivers a variety of programs and services to qualifying low-income, elderly, youth, handicapped and disadvantaged participants through grants and contracts with federal, state and local governments, private businesses and other non-profit organizations. The agency’s Central Administration Offices are located in Bowling Green, with NECAC County Service Centers operated in each county.



Left to right: Doug Galaske, Randolph County Commissioner and NECAC Board member, Janie Dunning, Rural Development Multi-Family Housing Program Director, Donald Patrick, NECAC President and CEO, David Bryan, Public Relations Coordinator MHDC, and Lela Grubel, LRG II, LLC.

Since 1997, NECAC has been a partner in the construction, renovation, management or planned development of more than 900 apartments for the elderly, families and the disabled. NECAC has also been a partner in the USDA Rural Development Self-Help Housing Home-Ownership Program, through which 37 homes have been built in Randolph, Montgomery, Monroe and Shelby counties. Nine of those are in Randolph County, and construction of another four homes will begin there this fall.

More information about NECAC programs is available by calling NECAC Randolph County Service Coordinator Paige Douglas at 660-263-6595 or visiting the NECAC Randolph County Service Center at 1210 Highway 24 West in Moberly.

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