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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RECOGNIZES A PARKERSBURG COUPLE AS SENIOR HOUSING SITE MANAGERS OF THE YEAR

Sharon and Doyle Schneiderman Recognized for Dedication to Residents of Prairie Village Apts.

PARKERSBURG – Oct. 25, 2006 – Sandy Johnson, USDA Rural Development Multi-Family Housing Specialist in Iowa Falls, has recognized Sharon and Doyle Schneiderman, site managers of Prairie Village Apartments in Parkersburg, as the Senior Housing Site Managers of the Year.

“USDA Rural Development is committed to providing housing opportunities in rural areas, which allow these communities to continue to develop and grow,” said Mark Reisinger, the State Director of USDA Rural Development. “People like Sharon and Doyle Schneiderman are critical to the success of Rural Development's housing programs.”

“I am very pleased to be able to honor Doyle and Sharon with a well-deserved award for consistently doing such an outstanding job as the site manager of this apartment complex,” Johnson added.

Newbury Management, which oversees the property, nominated the Schneidermans for the award.

USDA Rural Development's Site Manager of the Year program was started in 1997 to recognize apartment managers who go above and beyond what is expected of them. The Site Manager of the Year Program includes competition in two categories – family and elderly complexes.

The Schneidermans will now be forwarded to the USDA National Office for participation in a nation-wide competition.

“It's with great pleasure that USDA Rural Development recognizes the Schneidermans for their outstanding efforts to ensure that the building requirements, including the overall safety and security needs of the Prairie Village residents, are being met,” Johnson said.

Each year USDA Rural Development invests more than \$100 million in loans and grants that provide rural Iowa residents with decent, safe and sanitary single or multi-family housing.

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There are currently 579 multi-family housing projects financed by USDA Rural Development in Iowa. Overall, these projects provide rural Iowa residents with access to 10,603 apartments. Rent is based on income and rent assistance from the government is available depending on the income of the tenant.

“Providing rural housing opportunities is just another way the federal government, through USDA Rural Development, is enhancing the ability of rural communities to develop and to grow, ensuring the best possible quality of life for rural residents,” Reisinger said.

USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa serving 1.9 million Iowans living in rural areas. Office locations include a State Office in Des Moines, along with Area Offices in Albia, Atlantic, Humboldt, Indianola, Iowa Falls, Le Mars, Mount Pleasant, Storm Lake, Tipton and Waverly.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

Further information on rural programs is available at the local USDA Rural Development office in Iowa Falls at 641/648-5181 or by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.