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USDA Rural Development Recognizes Jane Myhre of Rockwell as Apartment Manager of the Year in North Central Iowa

Jane Honored for Extraordinary Efforts and Dedication in Meeting Residents' Needs

DES MOINES, Iowa – April 1, 2009 – Sandy Johnson with USDA Rural Development was in Rockwell today to recognize Jane Myhre, apartment manager of Oak Brook Apartments, as USDA Rural Development 2008 Apartment Site Manager of the Year in North Central Iowa.

“It’s with great pleasure that we recognize Jane for consistently doing an outstanding job with the complex in Rockwell,” Doug Moss, USDA Rural Development Area Director said. “She is dedicated to ensuring all building requirements and residents’ overall safety and security needs are being met.”

Jane was honored for her extraordinary efforts to ensure all of her residents have access to quality housing opportunities and her outstanding dedication to meeting her residents’ needs. Jane is always courteous, helpful and polite and is always concerned with the tenants’ rights when a decision is made.

USDA Rural Development’s Site Manager of the Year program was started in 1997 to recognize apartment managers that 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.

Oak Brooks Apartments serves family residents. The facility was constructed in 1987 and has a total of 16 units.

USDA Rural Development currently provides financing for nearly 550 multi-family housing projects located in 370 communities in rural Iowa. These projects provide rural Iowans with access to more than 10,000 apartments. Rent in the apartments is based on income, and rental assistance from the government is available depending on the income of the tenant.

Apartment complexes play an important role in the sustainability of rural communities. They allow residents to continue to live in their home community, many times close to family and friends. Apartments also offer numerous opportunities for social activities with friends and others in the same age group and with the same interests, as well as provide a great opportunity for young adults to build up equity so they can some day become homeowners.

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“The ability to provide current and prospective residents with affordable and safe multi-family housing is fundamental to a community’s ability to sustain a high quality of life for its residents,” Moss said.

About USDA Rural Development

Each year USDA Rural Development invests around \$100 million in loans and grants that provide residents with decent, safe and sanitary single or multi-family housing. Housing loans can be obtained directly through Rural Development or from a private financial institution.

Rural Development is an equal opportunity lender with a variety of direct and guaranteed rural credit programs involving single and multi-family housing, community facilities, water and sewer development and business and industry programs.

USDA Rural Development has 11 offices in Iowa serving 1.9 million Iowans living in rural area. 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.

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’s web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia.