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## **Multiple Openings at Apartment Complexes in Ackley** *Apartments Available for Individuals, Families or Elderly Residents*

IOWA FALLS, Iowa – August 10, 2009 – Apartment complexes play an important role in the sustainability of rural communities. They allow older residents to continue to live in their home community, many times close to family and friends. They also provide a great opportunity for young adults to build up equity so they can some day become homeowners.

Earlier this year the board of directors for Ackley Housing Inc. approved expanding their two apartment complexes in the community to serve individuals and families. Prior to this vote residents in the 32 one- and two-bedroom apartments in Ackley had to be 62 years of age or older, have a disability, or have a family member who was disabled.

Multiple apartments are now available to any individual and family. For more information please contact Murphy Management at phone (515) 295-2927 or local site managers Ron and Marge Fimon at phone (641) 847-2957.

For qualifying individuals and families rent can be subsidized by USDA Rural Development depending on the number of deductions the person/family has.

“The ability to provide rural Iowans with affordable and safe multi-family housing is fundamental to a community’s ability to sustain a high quality of life for its residents,” said Bill Menner, USDA Rural Development State Director in Iowa.

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

Rural communities benefit from apartment complexes because residents are able to continue spending money at the local grocery stores and at other local businesses. Also, when older residents move out of their homes and into apartments new homeownership opportunities are made available for younger residents and families.

USDA Rural Development currently provides financing for nearly 550 multi-family housing projects located in 370 communities in rural Iowa. These complexes provide rural Iowans with access to more than 10,000 apartments.

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“Housing opportunities are vital for a rural community to maintain its ability to provide a healthy, safe and prosperous place to live and work,” Menner said. “Helping provide quality apartment and single-family housing options have been a central priority of USDA Rural Development for more than 70 years.”

For more information about housing programs through USDA Rural Development, please call Sandy Johnson or Jody Hamer at (641) 648-5181. You can also visit with them in the office between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 840 Brooks Rd. in Iowa Falls.

The Iowa Falls office serves residents Butler, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Grundy, Hardin, Marshall, Mitchell, Tama and Worth Counties. USDA Rural Development staff will gladly meet with potential homeowners locally in any of these counties.

USDA Rural Development has 11 offices across the state to serve the 1.9 million Iowans living in rural communities. 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 programs available through USDA Rural Development is available by visiting the agency’s web site at [www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ia).