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THE INN AT DEERFIELD RECEIVES A LOAN FOR FACILITY UPGRADES

Montpelier, VT, May 1, 2007 - The Inn at Deerfield will use a \$123,000 Community Facility Loan from USDA Rural Development to replace the current heating system and purchase and install a walk-in freezer.

The Inn at Deerfield, Deerfield, NH, is a 32 bed assisted living facility that serves elders with dementia. The program provides 24 hour-7 day a week care, as well as day care and respite on a space-available basis. The Inn received a \$1,654,500 Community Facility Loan from USDA Rural in 2000 to construct the live-in facility for its patients. The loan covered the cost of a 9,400 square foot building on 10.6 acres of land and all of the amenities needed to create a home-like atmosphere for the patients.

"Providing grants and low interest rate loans to care givers in our rural communities ensures that senior citizens and disabled individuals can age near where they lived much of their life and receive the services and dignity they deserve," said Jolinda LaClair, State Director of USDA Rural Development in New Hampshire. "RD advocates for energy efficiency and is pleased to finance an initiative which reduces energy use."

The new heating system is expected to save up to 60% of propane costs. The new walk-in freezer will replace 20 year old donated freezers that can no longer meet the needs of the Inn and its food service.

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