

The Home Depot Foundation awards Mutual Housing \$75,000 for green building renovations

Thanks to a \$75,000 grant from The Home Depot Foundation, Sacramento ~ Yolo Mutual Housing Association will upgrade more than 200 units of affordable housing in Sacramento and Yolo counties with renovations that meet green building and design standards.

Through The Home Depot Foundation's Affordable Housing Built Responsibly Program, Mutual Housing staff will:

- obtain Build It Green certification for Foothill Plaza,
- expand strategic partnerships with local utilities and other energy providers to lower energy usage,
- create energy efficiencies to reduce

- low-income resident utility bills,
- promote healthier living through less environmental impact, and
- include affordable-housing preservation in public dialogue on regional greening.

Mutual Housing's Foothill Plaza will be used as a pilot project to incorporate best practices for four other projects: Glen Ellen Estates, Norwood Avenue Apartments and Norwood Estates in Sacramento as well as Twin Pines in Davis.

The Home Depot Foundation grant will build on a federal stimulus grant Foothill Plaza received through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Green Retrofit Program. Because investing in housing properties is a national priority, HUD is working toward energy reductions in existing affordable housing.

Additional funding from The Home Depot Foundation will allow Mutual Housing to maximize the impact of the HUD grant by applying what they learn in areas such as energy and water conservation through more efficient systems and fixtures, and incorporating solar power into existing developments at additional communities.

Created in 2002, The Home Depot Foundation supports nonprofit organizations dedicated to creating and preserving healthy, affordable homes as the cornerstone of sustainable communities. The Foundation's goal is for all families to have the opportunity to live in healthy, efficient homes they can afford over the long-term; to have access to safe, vibrant parks and greenspaces; and to receive the economic, social and environmental benefits of living in a sustainable community. Since its formation, The Home Depot Foundation has granted \$190 million to nonprofit organizations and supported the development of more than 95,000 homes, planted more than 1.2 million trees, and built or refurbished more than 1,875 playgrounds, parks and greenspaces. For more information, visit <http://www.homedepotfoundation.org>

Sacramento|Yolo Mutual Housing Association develops housing that is affordable to a diversity of households. Mutual Housing owns 15 resident-controlled communities for modest-income households in Sacramento and Yolo counties of 2,600 residents, half of whom are children. For more information, visit <http://www.mutualhousing.com>



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