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### **CATCH Makes Top 10 In National Program to Honor “Green” Affordable Housing**

**Concord, NH** – CATCH Neighborhood Housing is in the running for a national award from the Home Depot Foundation for its Friedman Court II project – affordable apartments that were built to be energy efficient and environmentally sustainable.

Friedman Court II contains 41 affordable apartments for people age 62 and older, built according to EnergyStar and LEED standards. The design is expected to reduce energy use by 47 percent compared to traditional building designs. During construction, 50 percent of the construction and demolition waste was successfully recycled.

The housing, located at 19 Old Suncook Road in Concord, was completed last fall and the units are now all rented to qualified renters. Renters can earn no more than 60 percent of the area median income to qualify. Friedman Court II was designed by Warrenstreet Architects and built by Gary Chicoine Construction. The Jordan Institute was the consultant on environmental issues.

CATCH was one of 10 non-profit housing organizations around the country invited to submit a more detailed application after the Home Dept Foundation reviewed the first round of applications for its Award of Excellence.

“Friedman Court II is a wonderful example of affordable housing built with a responsibility to the local community and the environment. This project took what was once unusable land and transformed it into a vibrant community and I couldn’t be prouder of the results. Recognition from the Home Depot Foundation has underlined the importance of this resource for the community and the care and thought that went into the development,” said CATCH President Rosemary Heard.

Friedman Court II was designed to provide housing close to downtown where renters can walk to stores, bus stops and other venues with ease. The elder housing project also is located alongside Friedman Court I, which provides affordable housing to families, allowing older and younger residents to mix.

CATCH recently submit the final application to the Home Depot Foundation, including a letter of support from Governor John Lynch. Winners will be announced in August.

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**CATCH Neighborhood Housing** provides a full spectrum of housing services in Merrimack County, including affordable rental apartments, homebuyer education and counseling through the Home Buyer & Financial Success Center, and Affordable Homes for Sale. For more information on CATCH Neighborhood Housing call (603) 225-8835 or visit [www.catchhousing.org](http://www.catchhousing.org).

**The Home Depot Foundation** is dedicated to building affordable homes for working families that are healthy to live in and affordable to own. To make homes healthy and affordable, the Foundation encourages developers to incorporate responsible design and use durable and quality materials to ensure that homes are more energy and water efficient, have good indoor air quality, and provide a safe and healthy space to live. For more information, visit [www.homedepotfoundation.org](http://www.homedepotfoundation.org).