

Grand Opening for Stoneridge Community Center Held in Greensboro

Greensboro, NC – Greensboro Mayor William H. Knight; City Council Member Trudy Wade; Michael A. Williams, Director of the Office of Public Housing for HUD’s Greensboro Field Office; Architect Bruce Cantrel of J. Hyatt Hammond Associates, Inc; and Tina Akers Brown, Greensboro Housing Authority’s (GHA) Chief Executive Officer addressed a crowded room of Stoneridge residents, GHA staff, and other well wishers during the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new Stoneridge Community Center on November 16, 2011.

Purchased in 1978, Stoneridge includes 50 two-story apartments. When built, the apartments were not required to meet the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards. In addition, the community lacked a facility that could support meetings and service delivery to the residents of the elderly-designated community.



(l to r) Mayor William H. Knight, City Council Member Trudy Wade, GHA Board of Director Nancy Hunter, City Council Member Mary Rakestraw, GHA Chief Executive Officer Tina Akers Brown, and HUD Director Michael A. Williams

Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) applied for and was awarded a \$1,054,700 FY 2009 Elderly/Disabled American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant on September 27, 2009. These funds, along with GHA reserves and capital funds, were used to modify three units, construct a new community building, install chair lifts, replace roofs, upgrade electrical systems, add an alarm system, and replace kitchen and bathroom tile at Stoneridge. Three, two-story apartments have been modified to one-story, handicap-accessible apartments, and a community center, GHA’s first facility built to Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certification standards, will now provide much needed community space.



The Stoneridge Community Center is Greensboro Housing Authority’s first facility built to LEED Certification Standards.

The on-site community center provides 1,650 square feet of handicap-accessible meeting space for Stoneridge residents and includes space for a Wellness Clinic that will provide the opportunity for residents to receive attention from the UNCG School of Nursing, a kitchen and activity room to be used for resident functions and meetings, and office space for property management and case management.