

Greensboro Housing Authority Receives Building Healthy Homes Award

Greensboro, NC – On February 29, 2012, awards were presented at Housing Summit 2012 for *outstanding contributions that exceed expectations, are innovative, and make a measurable impact on Greensboro's future*. Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) received the Building Healthy Homes award at the conference for the construction of a new community building and the renovation of existing apartments at Stoneridge, a Greensboro public housing community that is designated for the elderly. In the Building Healthy Homes category, nominees must have contributed to the construction of new homes or renovation of existing housing to conserve energy and water and remove hazards, integrating best building science. The new, handicap-accessible, 1,650 square-foot community building at Stoneridge was built to Leadership Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) silver certifications to meet high energy-efficiency standards and provide much needed space for residents' programs and office space for GHA management. The community center is Greensboro Housing Authority's first public housing facility built to LEED-certification standards.



At the time of construction of the 50 two-story apartments, prior to 1978, the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS) were not a requirement. As part of the renovations, three apartments were selected for conversion to one-story apartments that meet UFAS and American with Disabilities Act standards. Additional renovations in the remaining apartments included the installation of chair lifts in all of the existing two-story apartments, roof replacements, electrical system upgrades, the addition of an alarm system, and the replacement of kitchen and bathroom tile.

Tina Akers Brown, chief executive officer of the Greensboro Housing Authority, received the award on behalf of the agency and stated, "We are very pleased and appreciative of this recognition for our efforts to create quality, sustainable housing for the Greensboro community

and very excited to receive this award on our first new construction to be built to LEED standards.”

The Housing Summit is an annual conference for housing professionals, advocates, agencies and Greensboro citizens that is hosted by Greensboro Housing Coalition and the City of Greensboro in partnership with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.