



The Housing Authority of Columbus and Columbia Residential host Grand Opening for Arbor Pointe II, Ground Breaking for Phase III

Community has set a new standard for affordable housing and housing associated with public housing in Columbus

JANUARY 25, 2012 – Columbus, GA – The Arbor Pointe II and III Ribbon Cutting and Groundbreaking Celebration is Thursday, January 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. at 1312 Gazebo Way. Mayor Teresa Tomlinson and representatives from Columbia Residential, The Housing Authority of Columbus, The State of Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Community Affordable Housing Equity Corporation, and Wells Fargo will be making remarks. Refreshments and a tour of the homes will follow the ceremony.

Arbor Pointe is a redevelopment of the former Baker Village public housing site, with three phases of family and senior housing in a privately managed community. Phase I, with 148 units, was completed in September 2009. Phase II, which was completed in November 2010, is now 95% occupied.

Each of the first two phases consist of 32 one-bedroom units, 88 two-bedroom units and 28 three-bedroom units. About 80% of the units are under some kind of set-aside keeping them affordable for households at or below 60% of area median income. Amenities include a clubhouse with kitchen, fitness center, computer center and Internet café, resort-style pool, playground area and on-site property management and maintenance.

The third phase, Arbor Pointe Senior, is for senior independent living, and will consist of 120 one-bedroom units with a bungalow style design with the appearance of individual homes. The goal is to create an active outdoor space for seniors with landscaped walking trails. The new units, to be ready for occupancy in early 2013, will be affordable to seniors below 60% of area median income.

The development has been planned and executed by The Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) and Columbia Residential, LLC (CR) and will incorporate the latest technology for security, storm water management and energy conservation to include Energy Star program compliance as well as meeting the EarthCraft energy program requirements. The economic impact of the new development's the three (3) phases is estimated to be more than \$56 million.

For more information visit: www.livearborpointe.com



About HACG

The Housing Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HACG) was created in 1938 when the City Council of Columbus, Georgia approved an enabling resolution as provided by Georgia law. HACG was created to provide affordable housing to low income families in Columbus and provides assisted housing primarily through two programs: Public Housing and the Housing Choice Voucher Program. HACG is directed by a seven-member board of commissioners appointed by the mayor, one of which is also a public housing resident. www.columbushousing.org

About Columbia Residential

Columbia Residential has developed and managed multifamily affordable housing communities for 20 years. Its mission is to provide quality, safe and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income families. Columbia was founded in 1991 by Noel Khalil, who remains its chairman and CEO. Jim Grauley joined the company as partner in 2008 and serves as President and Chief Operating Officer. Columbia Residential operates more than 5,500 affordable and mixed-income housing units in Georgia, in addition to communities in Texas and Louisiana that constitute an additional 850 units. Columbia Residential is known for its award-winning design and construction and for service-oriented property management that maintains its housing communities and serves resident needs. Columbia is regularly recognized with national and local awards. www.columbiare.com