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### **New Year, New Home for Six Greensburg Families**

-Energy Efficient, Affordable Rental Homes Financed by State Disaster Grants Now Available-

**Greensburg** - Six Greensburg families will ring in the New Year moving into new homes thanks to housing development grants created by the Kansas Legislature. The grants, which target cities and counties rebuilding after the 2007 tornadoes and flooding, help finance the construction of housing and infrastructure, such as streets, water and sewer systems.

Gary Allsup, Executive Director of Kansas Housing Resources Corporation, says the lack of affordable homes is a problem everywhere, but even more so in smaller, rural communities. "Finding safe, decent and affordable housing is a challenge for many families, but it's even more difficult in rural areas," said Allsup. "We're pleased state disaster assistance is creating much needed, quality housing for working families in Greensburg."

The new construction, three- and five-bedroom homes include ENERGY STAR® windows and appliances, in addition to the following energy efficient features:

- Foam Board Insulation
- Heat Pump
- LEED Rated Lighting, Cabinets and Paint
- Low Water Consumption Plumbing
- Flex Wrap on Windows
- Roofing Ice Shield

Developer Dave Sandir of Commercial Group, Inc. says they're honored to have assisted Greensburg's recovery effort. "Commercial Group is proud to have built environmentally-friendly, affordable housing for a deserving community like Greensburg. Our goal is to replicate these successful models across the country," said Sandir.

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Funding for the Greensburg development included \$300,000 in state disaster assistance and a \$700,000 low-interest loan from USDA Rural Development. The owner is Neighborhood Renaissance Foundation, a not-for-profit dedicated to developing affordable housing in Kansas. Management of the six homes will be provided by the Kiowa County Housing Authority.

To be eligible, tenants must earn no more than 80 percent of area media income. In Greensburg, that means a family of four may not earn more than \$47,350 to qualify. Qualifying tenants will not pay more than 30 percent of their income for rent. For more information or to submit an application, please contact Laura Stoltenberg at 620-723-1097 or [kiowacountyhousing@gmail.com](mailto:kiowacountyhousing@gmail.com).

Homes will be available for rent starting January 5th, 2010.

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation is a quasi-public entity that finances and develops affordable housing opportunities for low and moderate-income residents throughout Kansas. For more information about KHRC, visit [www.kshousingcorp.org](http://www.kshousingcorp.org).