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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **Charter Oak Communities Launches New Website**

STAMFORD, Conn., April XX, 2009 -- Charter Oak Communities (COC), chartered in 1939 as The Housing Authority of the City of Stamford, has launched a new Website for residents, prospective renters and future homeowners, landlords, financial and government partners and the greater Stamford community. Available on-line at **CharterOakCommunities.org**, the new free Website will include information about rental opportunities – including Section 8 housing – useful checklists for renters and landlords, background information on funding options, Federal voucher programs, organizational references, historical data, recent news, contact information and more.

According to Vincent Tufo, executive director, Charter Oak Communities, the new Website is another positive step in achieving the COC mission of providing safe, affordable housing for Stamford residents, and in helping residents achieve housing and financial independence.

“We're proud to launch this new site, which showcases our continuing effort to provide high-quality, affordable rental and home-ownership units for the Stamford community,” said Tufo. “Our properties have been designed to meet the diverse needs of our residents, investors and many local, state and Federal partners, and this new Website reflects our many programs, history, successes, new developments and future plans.”

Charter Oak Communities has celebrated a number of recent successes, including the redevelopment at Southwood Square, completed in 2005; the December 2007 dedication of Taylor Street Apartments; the June 2008 dedication of Post House Apartments; and the ongoing revitalization plans for Vidal Court. That revitalization is proceeding on schedule, with pre-applications for COC's newest community, Fairgate, now being accepted. Housing at Fairgate will become available by late summer, 2009.

“Our progress has changed the way our residents, neighbors and the community view us,” explained Courtney Nelthropp, chairman, COC Board of Commissioners. “We have evolved from being providers and managers of low-cost public housing to being in the business of building communities. Our core goal -- strengthening neighborhoods -- remains unchanged, and tools like this new Website are just another example of our commitment to residents and the community.”

*Please visit the new COC Website at [CharterOakCommunities.org](http://CharterOakCommunities.org)*

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