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### **Community Homes and Barstow Church of God in Christ Partner in Senior Housing Project**

**Redlands** - Community Homes, Inc. announced today the formation of a partnership with the Barstow Church of God in Christ to build a low-income senior housing project in Barstow on property adjacent to the church building. Pastor David Norman is the minister.

The project will be a 67-unit apartment complex set below the prominent hill in east Barstow where the church was built. Community Homes, Inc. will develop and build the project on land owned by the church, a project that the church has hoped it could build for many years. However, financing and development expertise is difficult for most churches that must often rely on volunteers and parishioners.

Community Homes, Inc. is a non-profit housing corporation with the mission to assist other non-profits with the desire to build housing for low-income people. "Navigating the complex financing options and government grants is a specialized, full-time job," says Bob Lemley, of Community Homes, "few churches or non-profits outside of the industry can get these kinds of projects off the ground." Bob Lemley is president of Community Homes. "We are pleased to be able to offer these services and build the project."

The project will be owned by the partnership; both non-profits will share 50-50 in the ownership and management. Compensation for the development and building fees are normally dictated by the financing and grant agencies, as well as the tenant mix and mandate for continual long-term use of the project for low income. This is an ideal circumstance for non-profits with the mission for providing housing to low income people.

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