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CAMBA/CAMBA Housing Ventures, Inc. Dedicates New \$8.4 million 46-Unit Affordable Housing Development in Brooklyn

CAMBA & CAMBA Housing Ventures, Inc. (CHV) dedicate today, October 2nd at 10am their new building with a ribbon cutting ceremony on the site of Morris Manor, a new and affordable 46 unit permanent supportive housing development located at 1247 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11226 in the Flatbush district of Brooklyn. CHV is an affordable housing development corporation launched by CAMBA, one of Brooklyn's most comprehensive providers of social services, serving over 35,000 individuals each year.

The building is being dedicated to Beverly & Charles R. Morris in gratitude for their support of CAMBA and affordable housing in Brooklyn. Advocates of CAMBA since 1982, Beverly Morris is the Board President for CAMBA Housing Ventures and Charles R. Morris is the CHV Board Treasurer. As President, Mrs. Morris is involved in all aspects of CAMBA's overall administrative and programmatic development. As Treasurer, Mr. Morris provides visionary strategic planning and sustainable development counsel. Both were integral to the genesis of CAMBA Housing Ventures and their contributions will ensure continued success for both CAMBA and CAMBA Housing Ventures.

Designed by the architectural firm of Harden Van Arnam, a nationally-recognized Brooklyn-based firm, the new and attractive Morris Manor Apartments provides 46 units of permanent affordable housing and supportive services. Of the 46 units, 40% are targeted for individuals earning no more than approximately \$30,000 (60% of Area Median Income) and 60% are reserved for individuals who are exiting the shelter system. CAMBA staff provides on-site case management services, group facilitation and recreational activities.

Supportive housing is defined by the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), a national non-profit that finances and advocates for the development of supportive housing, as a successful, cost-effective combination of affordable housing with services that help people facing the challenge of homelessness to live more stable, productive lives.

All of the units at Morris Manor are fully furnished and beautifully appointed studio apartments with private bathrooms, kitchenettes and hardwood floors. Morris Manor is located close to major public transportation and neighborhood amenities. Twenty-four hour front desk coverage is provided in addition to an outdoor garden and patio for tenant use.

Financing provided by CSH, NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development, NYS Homeless Housing and Assistance Corporation and Enterprise Community Investment.

“Developments, like the Morris Manor, that provide low-income New Yorkers, including the disabled and formerly homeless, with on-site case management services, group facilitation and recreational activities can help residents achieve their goals and end the cycle of homelessness. They are a great example of what can be accomplished when City and State agencies, and organizations such as CAMBA, work together in creative ways to build affordable housing,” said Abby Jo Sigal, Vice President of Enterprise and Director of the New York office. “We are pleased to work with CAMBA on Morris Manor, which will not only bring Enterprise one step closer to completing our Billion Dollar Promise to invest \$1 billion for affordable housing in New York City by 2009, but also provide low-income Brooklyn residents with a beautiful and affordable place to call home.”

Onsite social services are funded by NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and NYC Department of Homeless Services.

Supported by Assemblywoman Rhoda Jacobs, Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, Councilmember Dr. Kendall Stewart and Community Board 14, Morris Manor is part of a broad based effort to create affordable housing and end homelessness in New York City. During a time when the need for housing is great but many units of affordable housing are being lost due the expiration of subsidy programs, CAMBA Housing Ventures is taking part of the Mayor’s Ten Year Plan for the “The New Housing Marketplace”. The \$7.5 billion dollar plan is to create or preserve 165,000 units of affordable housing by 2013. CAMBA Housing Ventures currently provides 146 units with an additional 255 units in the predevelopment stage with the ultimate goal to provide 1,000 units by the year 2015.

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Founded in 1977, CAMBA is one of Brooklyn’s largest community-based social service organizations, with a budget of approximately \$65 million and a diverse staff of more than 1,200 employees. CAMBA annually provides services to 35,000 individuals and families in six core areas: Economic Development, Education and Youth Development, Family Support Services, Housing Services and Development, HIV/AIDS Services and Legal Services.

CAMBA Housing Ventures, Inc. (CHV), an affordable housing development company affiliated with CAMBA, is the developer of the project. Incorporated in 2005, its mission is to support vital mixed-income neighborhoods through the development of permanent affordable housing of high-quality for a diverse resident population. With a goal of developing at least 1,000 units by the year 2015, CAMBA Housing Ventures intends to work closely over the coming years with the City and other public and private players to implement the Mayor’s plan to end homelessness in New York City.

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