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# CONNECTICUT

### **BEST WISHES TO JULIE FAGAN**

Congratulations and best wishes to Connecticut Field Office Director, Julie Fagan on her retirement.

Julie was recently honored for her remarkable service by Congressman John Larson. She was presented with an American Flag that was flown over the Capitol Building and a framed copy of the statement that was read into the Congressional Record by Congressman Larson.

In his statement the Congressman highlighted Julie's outstanding career.



"She has played a critical role in preserving and redeveloping critical Federal public housing properties all over Connecticut, particularly in Hartford, New Haven and Bridgeport. Julie has also made it a top priority in her time as director of the Connecticut HUD office to collaborate with her peer Federal, State and local agencies. She has greatly improved the housing landscape for the people of Connecticut by initiating many vital working relationships with government, non-profit and private organizations that play a role in housing the people of Connecticut. In addition, Julie has been a leader in Connecticut by helping residents navigate the challenges presented by the foreclosure crisis."

Everyone in Region 1 wishes Julie and her family a happy and healthy future and extend their gratitude for her years of service.

# BONNEY BROOK APARTMENTS BREAK GROUND



Pictured at left, Federal, state and local officials gathered in Cornwall, Connecticut to celebrate a groundbreaking for the construction of 10 affordable apartments for seniors. Funding for the Bonney Brook Apartments project will include contributions from the State of Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development; Connecticut Hous-

ing Finance Authority; and a HUD Pre-Development Grant.

#### HUD GIVES BACK-CONNECTICUT

HUD employees from the Connecticut Field Office participated in the Project Homeless Connect, an annual event that offers one-stop delivery of housing



Above: Volunteers from over 50 agencies assist the homeless during the Project Homeless Connect event in Waterbury, CT.

lar events are also scheduled in Bridgeport, Danbury, New Haven and New

and social services at no cost to people who are homeless or on limited incomes. About 50 agencies and volunteers from civic groups, churches and area businesses contributed to the event by offering assistance with medical, dental, housing, food and clothing along with social services aimed at helping break the cycle of poverty. This event was endorsed by the US Interagency Council on Homelessness, City of Waterbury and the Waterbury Continuum of Care. Over 300 people attended the event. Simi-

London before the end of this year.

# MAINE

#### MAINE FIGHTS VETERANS HOMELESSNESS

HUD employees, including Maine Field Office Director Bill Burney, attended the annual Maine Homeless Veterans Stand Down at the VA Healthcare Systems Maine Medical Center in Togus.

Stand Downs across the country offer a wide range of services for the nation's homeless veterans, including medical care and supplies, such as clothing and footwear. Veterans also are provided with information on housing, and other benefits.

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

Above: Mission Accomplished — Active-duty military personnel, Veterans and other volunteers pause for a moment in front of a tractor trailer that they had just off loaded of supplies and donated goods to support the annual Maine Stand Down event.

HUD SECRETARY'S AWARD: THE BOSTON FOUNDATION The Boston Foundation received the first-ever HUD Secretary's Award for Community Foundations in recognition of their participation in the **Neighborhood Stabilization** Loan Fund (NSLF). The award recognizes excellence in supporting housing and community development work through public-private partnerships.



#### joined by MA Undersecretary for Housing and Community Development Aaron Gornstein in presenting the Secretary's Award to The Boston Foundation's Paul Grogan, and Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation's Joseph Flately.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS !**

HUD's New England Multifamily Program Office was the number 1 producer in the country for initial and final closings of elderly and disabled (Section 202/811) projects and units this fiscal year. The entire staff did a tremendous job working to achieve this production.

#### **KILBY-GARDNER-HAMMOND IV PROJECT COMPLETED**

Last month, state and local officials joined Main South Community Development Corp. to celebrate completion of a new affordable family rental housing

development in the Main South area of Worcester. The Kilby-Gardner-Hammond (KGH) Phase IV rental development involved construction of 22 energy-efficient units on seven sites.

This Phase of the project is part of the 30-acre Kilby-Gardner-Hammond Neighborhood Revitalization Project, a successful partnership of local residents, Main South CDC, Clark University, the Worcester Boys and Girls Club, and the City of Worcester. The revitalization project as a whole,



Above: Chris Collins, Life Initiative Investment Committee and UNUM; Jack Foley, Clark University; Bruce Ehrlich, Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation; Timothy Murray, MA Lt. Governor; Sarai Rivera, District 4 Councilor Worcester; Michael Moore, State Senator; Stephen Teasdale, Main South CDC; Arthur Jemison, DHCD and Clark Ziegler, Massachusetts Housing Partnership.



Above is one of the seven buildings – all brightly painted - that comprises the KGH IV development. The yellow homes in the background are also part of the project.

> undertaken nearly ten years ago on some of the city's most distressed real estate, has transformed this neighborhood.

Funding for this project was provided by Massachusetts Housing Investment Corporation; HUD; Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Predevel-

opment financing was provided by CEDAC; construction financing through the Life Initiative and MHIC; and permanent financing will be from the Mass. Housing Partnership

The Office of Policy Development & Research has published a new **Comprehensive Housing Market Analysis Report** on the Boston, MA Housing Market Area

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#### **RHODE ISLAND**

HUD FUNDS AT WORK: OLNEYVILLE AND SANDYWOOD FARMS

HUD staff from the Boston and Providence field offices attended a community tour in Rhode Island, to visit Providence's Olneyville neighborhood, Sandywood Farms in Tiverton and Anthony House in Portsmouth.

Frank Shea, Executive Director of the Olneyville Housing Corporation, showed HUD staff the work being done to im-



Above: Housing units in the Olneyville neighborhood

prove the neighborhood( which received a Choice Neighborhoods Planning Grant in 2010.)



Above: Sandywood Farms community

Steve Ostiguy, Executive Director of Church Community Housing Corporation, develop er of Sandywood Farms, provided HUD employees a tour of the residential arts and agricultural community. The tour of the property included a visit to the artist studios, several homes, and the community garden.

The final stop on the tour was to Anthony House in Portsmouth. Anthony House is elderly and disabled housing that is undergoing a sub rehab.

#### CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS PLANNING GRANT: WOONSOCKET

Right: U.S Senator Sheldon Whitehouse and U.S Congressman David Cicilline

joined Providence Field Office Director, Nancy Smith Greer and local officials to announce a \$300,000 HUD Choice Planning grant award to NeighborWorks Blackstone River Valley.

The grant will be used to further grassroots efforts to revitalize Veterans Memorial Public Housing and transform the Our Neighbors' Planning District neighborhood.



#### VERMONT

NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE WITH REP. PETER WELCH At a joint New England Council -Vermont Business Roundtable event this

fall, U.S Congressman Peter Welch addressed the nation's fiscal situation and the need for compromise to address federal budget challenges.

Right: HUD Regional Administrator, Barbara Fields and Vermont Field Office Director, Mike McNamara attended the event with Rep. Peter Welch.



# HURRICANE SANDY **DISASTER RELIEF RESOURCES**

President Obama issued a disaster declaration for the Rhode Island counties of Bristol, Newport and Washington and the Connecticut counties of Fairfield, Middlesex, New Haven and New London.

The President's declaration allows HUD to offer expedited foreclosure relief and other assistance to certain families living in these counties. HUD will provide support to homeowners and low-income renters forced from their homes due to Hurricane Sandy.

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