



# HH Architecture Designs Energy Efficient Low Income Housing

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*Partnership with C.A.S.A. of Raleigh creates healthy living space for homeless families.*

PR9.NET June 24, 2008 - Raleigh, NC – HH Architecture celebrates the Grand Opening of Hope Crest, a residential development for adults who are chronically homeless and have a disability. The firm partnered with the independent non-profit housing development corporation, Community Alternatives for Supportive Abodes (C.A.S.A.). HH Architecture was selected to provide design services and construction administration for the project.

Hope Crest is the first affordable housing development in the City of Raleigh to receive private funding to pay for sustainable features for the project. The apartment building is energy efficient and will keep utility costs low while providing excellent indoor air quality for residents. The materials selected for the project were evaluated for overall life cycle costs, a methodology that measures initial costs as well as long term durability and low maintenance qualities. Life cycle costs are important in maintaining long term affordability for residents.

HH Architecture worked with a team of organizations that donated materials and services to the project. The team included: Architect Meg McLaurin; plumbing, mechanical, and electrical engineering, En-Tech Engineering; structural engineering, Stroud Pence & Associates; and civil engineering, Spaulding & Norris.

"C.A.S.A. has a wonderful vision for creating affordable housing. The Hope Crest development aligned with our mission of giving back to the community while also creating a space that is energy and resource efficient," said Chris Horner, principal at HH Architecture. "We were proud to collaborate with C.A.S.A. and the rest of the team on this project."

The Grand Opening for Hope Crest was celebrated in partnership with the City of Raleigh, Wake County Housing and Community Revitalization, the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban development. Speakers included Representative Brad Miller, Representative Bob Etheridge, C.A.S.A. Board member Lyle Gardner, and C.A.S.A. Executive Director, Debra King.

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## **About Community Alternatives for Supportive Abodes (C.A.S.A.)**

C.A.S.A. is an independent nonprofit housing development corporation which develops, owns and manages safe, quality and affordable housing for the most vulnerable citizens in the community. We help people who live with disabilities or are low wealth individuals. CASA focuses on being a good neighbor by investing in the neighborhood, providing professional property management and working to solve neighborhood problems.

## **About HH Architecture**

HH Architecture is a design firm focused on improving the built environment by creating spaces that promote learning, wellness, and recreation. HH Architecture specializes in projects requiring design using LEED principles. Our foundation is built upon collaboration, enhancing the community, and our commitment to design practices that minimize waste and use resources wisely.

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