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NEW HOUSING COMPLEX FOR VETERANS OPENS IN POUGHKEEPSIE

Hudson River Housing will celebrate Memorial Day with an Open House at Liberty Station

Poughkeepsie, NY – Hudson River Housing, Inc. will host an Open House at their newly opened property, Liberty Station, on Thursday, May 22nd from 10am – 12 noon. Liberty Station, located at 38 North Clinton Street in Poughkeepsie, is the agency's newest affordable rental housing project. The building, which has twenty-six Single Room Occupancy units, will serve as low-cost housing for veterans.

As Memorial Day approaches, Hudson River Housing will use the occasion to honor veterans during the Liberty Station Open House. Veterans already living in the building are both male and female, and have served from Vietnam through the wars in the Middle East. Some tenants have moved to Liberty Station after coming through Hudson River Housing's emergency overnight shelter, Webster House.

Over the past several years, Hudson River Housing has enhanced efforts to provide housing and services to veterans. Liberty Station is a partnership with private developer Wulf Lueckerath. The property was formerly the Good Counsel building. The opening of Liberty Station follows the completion of a home for four female veterans on Garden Street in Poughkeepsie, which opened in February. The agency is also a partner in Poughkeepsie Commons, an affordable rental housing complex that earmarks a portion of its units for veterans.

"It's not acceptable that our veterans struggle with the issue of finding affordable housing and services," says Hudson River Housing Executive Director Ed Murphy. "As our area's largest affordable housing and homeless services provider, we feel compelled to address this challenge to the best of our ability, and we are proud to do so. We continue to seek opportunities where we have expertise and can intervene to help our veterans and their families access stable housing and community services."

The agency also operates the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program. The program helps homeless veterans, and those at risk of homelessness, find or retain housing and links them to

appropriate services. Since October 2013, the program has provided assistance to 52 veteran households, including 16 veterans from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Most recently, the program began a partnership with the Dutchess Regional Chamber of Commerce to encourage employers to hire veterans.

The Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, commonly known as SSVF, has located its offices within Liberty Station, creating a comprehensive site for providing housing and housing-related services to our local veteran community. "A lot of veterans are going to be re-integrating from Iraq and Afghanistan in the next few years due to the fact that their deployment money is going to be exhausted, and the wars are gradually ending," says SSVF Veteran Outreach Coordinator Jeremy Pink. "Right now we are still housing many street-homeless veterans, with a goal of ending veteran homelessness by 2015. After 2015, we hope the focus will be more of a homelessness prevention approach."

The Open House will commence at 10am with a Color Guard, and will include a yellow-ribbon tying tribute to our veterans with local elected officials. Building tours and information on leasing and programs will be available. The event is free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, please contact (845) 454-5176 x102.

Those interested in applying for housing at Liberty Station can complete Hudson River Housing's Universal Application, available at www.hudsonriverhousing.org/rental, and submit to Hudson River Housing at 313 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie. For more information on the Supportive Services for Veteran Families program, contact (845) 232-5754.

About Hudson River Housing, Inc.

Hudson River Housing (HRH) works to improve lives and communities. We do that by developing and managing affordable housing, providing housing services and education, and revitalizing neighborhoods. HRH was created in 1982 to address the emerging homeless problem in Dutchess County, and is now a large, multi-service provider of housing and services to a wide range of populations. The expertise of Hudson River Housing is increasingly relied upon to inform local planning related to housing, community development and homelessness. For more information, please call (845) 454-5176 or visit www.hudsonriverhousing.org.