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Community Action Partnership announces development of two new homes in Plattsburg, Mo.

Part of agency effort to address need for low to moderate income housing in rural areas

(Aug. 24, 2009– Plattsburg, Mo.) What do rural families living on low incomes really need? Affordable, quality housing that cuts energy costs and has 3 bedrooms, for one. Community needs assessments consistently reveal a shortage of these types of housing opportunities in Northwest Missouri.

Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph (CAP St. Joe) is proud to announce the development of two new single family homes in Plattsburg, Mo. Each of the 1,350 square foot homes will include 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, attached 2-car garage, and full basement.

These new homes will be owned by CAP St. Joe and families who qualify, based on income guidelines, can rent the properties. The monthly rent per home will be \$550 (below market-rate value) with the tenant paying for the utilities.

“We are extremely excited about this project,” said Doug Evenson, Director of Housing Development. “There is a great need for 3-bedroom units that are reasonably priced and we know these units will help fill that need. It is our goal to provide families with safe and decent housing at an affordable price, which in turn might help to relieve stress they may be experiencing in their current housing situation.”

In order to qualify for one of these homes, there are income guidelines, which are illustrated in the following table:

| Maximum Annual Household Income Based on the Total Number in Household | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 person | 2 person | 3 person | 4 person | 5 person | 6 person | 7 person | 8 person |
| \$29,580 | \$33,780 | \$38,040 | \$42,240 | \$45,600 | \$49,020 | \$52,380 | \$55,740 |

For more information, please contact the housing department at CAP St. Joe at (816) 233-8281 or email devenson@endpov.com.

Community Action Partnership has provided programs to move low-income families out of poverty since 1965, serving nearly 16,000 people in poverty in Northwest Missouri. Head Start is one of the core programs managed by the agency. Additional services provided by Community Action Partnership to low-income families include utilities assistance, affordable housing, financial literacy and home ownership classes, life skills and workforce training.