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CalVet Launches Veteran Affordable Housing Program And Partners with Homes for Families

Sacramento – The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) today launched an affordable home ownership program for our Veterans and their families through a partnership with Homes for Families. The program offers manageable loan payments and enrichment services that help ensure home ownership longevity.

“CalVet and Homes for Families are making it possible for low-income Veterans and their families to truly afford home ownership,” said Theresa Gunn, CalVet Deputy Secretary Home Loans. “Through the CalVet REN model, our Veterans will be able to improve their standard of living significantly.”

The CalVet REN model is unique in the way it develops its communities by tailoring the enrichment services to the Veterans and their families and customizing the homes to meet our Veteran’s physical, wellness and mental health needs. Many of the services offered are Veteran-to-Veteran and a crucial part of this model to increase self-sufficiency. Veterans and their families now have the tools and resources through this model to move up out of low income situations and into the middle class.

“By working with CalVet, I believe we will enhance the quality of life for each and every Veteran we serve through this program,” Donna Deutchman, Chief Executive Officer, Homes for Families, “Veterans deserve no less, and it’s an honor to serve those who served our Nation.”

Homes for Families will work closely with each affordable builder to ensure the CalVet REN model is replicated appropriately and that services are customized to the veteran population moving into that community. The Enriched Neighborhood® model developed and trademarked by Donna Deutchman, Chief Executive Officer, Homes for Families, has been proven, over a decade, through matrices supporting its credibility and worth among the affordable housing industry. The model truly addresses the needs of its community members and doesn’t just build additional permanent low income housing.

CalVet recently completed an affordable housing, Enriched Neighborhood® pilot project, which resulted in a 12-home community in Sylmar, California for Veterans and their families. CalVet currently has five CalVet REN Communities in development throughout Southern California ranging in size from 12 to 87 homes.

For more information about the CalVet REN Communities Program, go to www.calvet.ca.gov/calvetREN.

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