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**AFFORDABLE HOUSING CONFERENCE AND CHEVY CHASE BANK ANNOUNCE  
WINNERS OF 2009 ARCHITECTURAL AWARDS  
AT FRIDAY, MAY 8 HOUSING CONFERENCE**

*Grace House, Assisted Living in Silver Spring, Wins Top Award*

**4 AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED TO LOCAL ARCHITECTS**

Three winners of a competition designed to identify the best affordable housing design in suburban Maryland will be announced Friday, May 8 at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Affordable Housing Conference. The Conference will be held at the Bethesda North Marriott Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road in North Bethesda and will run from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Architectural awards will be presented at the conference luncheon, which begins at 12:45 p.m.

This year, three local architects will win awards for their design in the “New Construction” category and one “GreenHousing Award” will be given to a local architect.

The first place award for design in new construction will be given to the Silver Spring firm of **Bennett Frank McCarthy Architects** for their work at **Grace House**, an assisted living community in Silver Spring. Grace House, located at the north end of Leisure World, is home to 30 elderly residents. All of the apartments at Grace House serve lower income residents. (household income is at 50 to 80 percent of the area median income)



***First Award***

**Grace House Assisted Living**

Silver Spring, Maryland  
Architects: Bennett Frank McCarthy Architects, Inc.  
Developer/Owner: Victory Housing  
Builder: Hamel Builders  
Funding: United Bank, Montgomery County, Maryland  
Affordable Housing Trust, Victory Housing (land)

The second place award will be given to the design firm of **Grimm + Parker Architects** for their work on **Victoria Park at Walkersville** in Frederick County, Maryland. Victoria Park, which contains 90 apartments, serves seniors earning between 40 and 60 percent of the area median income.

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**Second Award**  
**Victoria Park at Walkersville**

Walkersville, Maryland  
Architects: Grimm + Parker Architects  
Developer/Owner: Osprey Property Company  
Builder: Harkins Builders  
Funding: Maryland DHCD, LIHTC

The third award for new construction will be given to the firm of **Torti Gallas and Partners** for their work on **MetroPointe** in Wheaton, Maryland. MetroPointe, which was developed by, and is owned by, the Housing Opportunities Commission, contains 172 apartments, with 53 of the apartments set aside for lower income residents earning below 50 percent of the area median income. Eighteen of those 53 apartments serve households earning below 30 percent of the area median income. Of the 18 lower-income apartments, six units are completely accessible and affordable apartments for people with severe spinal injuries and resulting paralysis.



**Third Award**  
**Metropointe**

Wheaton, Maryland  
Architects: Torti Gallas and Partners  
Developer/Owner: Housing Opportunities Commission of  
Montgomery  
County  
Builder: Bozzuto Construction  
Funding: HOC; LIHTC; Montgomery County HIF;  
Wachovia Bank

A fourth “Greenhousing Award” will be given to **Wiencek + Associates** for their work on the Renaissance Square Artist’s Housing community in Hyattsville, Maryland. The building contains 44 apartments targeting lower-income households. The building incorporates green features.

**GreenHousing Award**

**Renaissance Square Artists’ Housing**

Hyattsville, Maryland  
Architects: Wiencek + Associates  
Developer/Owner: Housing Initiative Partnership  
Builder: Unit Services  
Funding: Maryland CDA, DHCD; HOME; Bonds; HUD  
Serving: 44 units



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