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Marty Chapman to Take Helm at The Housing Partnership

*Dick Ingram, Current Director, is Tapped to Head
New Hampshire Retirement System*

Twenty-Year Veteran of the Housing Field,
Chapman Becomes Acting Director on January 20th

Portsmouth, NH – The Housing Partnership (THP) – a nonprofit affordable housing development organization based in Portsmouth – today announced that Marty Chapman, currently serving as the organization’s Director of Real Estate, has been appointed Acting Executive Director. On January 20th, Chapman will take the reins from Dick Ingram, who has been asked to head up the New Hampshire Retirement System.

“Naturally, we regret losing Dick to government service, but at the same time we are delighted that Marty Chapman will lead The Housing Partnership and confident he will build on the momentum we’ve achieved over the past couple of years,” said Jeff Gilbert, President of THP’s Board of Directors. “Marty is a seasoned professional with exceptional experience in housing development and asset management. And he has already demonstrated his skills and his commitment to providing more and better workforce housing in the Seacoast region.”

Chapman, 51, joined THP as Director of Real Estate in February 2007. Chapman has more than twenty years of real estate development experience, with a strong focus on affordable housing. He has held key positions with leading nonprofit developers and municipal agencies, where he oversaw all aspects of financing and developing various types of properties, including new construction, historic rehabilitation and adaptive reuse, commercial, and expiring use. During his time at THP, he has been instrumental in building the pipeline for future projects and has presided over two new projects – a 41-unit development in Kennebunk that is ready to break ground, and a 22-unit project in Rye that will break ground in mid-2009.

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Founded in 1988, The Housing Partnership has developed over 230 affordable housing units in 11 communities around the Greater Seacoast region of New Hampshire and Maine. The agency's mission is to strengthen communities by creating diverse housing opportunities, utilizing innovative approaches to development, practicing strong stewardship of their housing and leading with visionary advocacy. THP envisions a Greater Seacoast where every community offers "housing for everyone."

The Portsmouth-based agency values economic sustainability, economic and social diversity and smart growth. THP has educated hundreds of first-time homebuyers through its Homeward Bound program and provides quality affordable housing for more than 500 adults, children, seniors and disabled citizens each year. For more information, visit www.housingpartnership.org.

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