

**2005 EXCELLENCE IN HOUSING AWARDS  
Special Needs Housing (Large Developments)  
Green Leaf Village**



December 2002 marked the grand opening of Green Leaf Village. Located in Eugene, the 34-unit development has made it a priority to provide residents with a high quality living environment and harmonious community. Due to the mixed unit composition of studios, townhouses and flats, both individuals and families below 41% of area median income are able to reside comfortably at the development.

“The disparity between incomes and the cost of rental housing in the Eugene-Springfield area, plus cuts to social service programs, has created a critical need for affordable housing, says Michelle Smith of Metropolitan Affordable Housing Corporation. “Green Leaf helps to address some of the more critical needs.”

Green Leaf meets the special needs of many families and individuals as they transition from a drug and alcohol recovery program. It becomes an almost insurmountable task to find a place to live without credit or personal references. Nine units have been set aside to meet these needs. Also, through collaboration with Looking Glass Pathways and Willamette Family Treatment, Green Leaf residents have access to counseling and other services while in residency.

Green Leaf also provides nine units for transitional housing, seven units for clients graduating from Willamette Family Treatment Center, a local drug and alcohol treatment center, and two units are dedicated to youth coming out of Pathways, a local homeless youth support organization.

Green Leaf is instrumental in creating and sustaining quality, affordable housing while providing the essential resident services to meet a specialized critical need in their community.