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Village Apartments of the Jewish Federation, Charles Bierman Home
Prepare to Celebrate 25 Years of Providing High-Quality Housing
to Essex County Seniors in October
Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey Will Host
Celebration with Special Guest Speakers, Elegant Resident Dinner in Honor of
Senior Community's Silver Anniversary

WEST ORANGE, N.J., September 10, 2013 – The <u>Jewish Community Housing</u> <u>Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey</u> (JCHC) is planning a week of special programs and celebrations for early October to mark the 25th anniversary of the opening of the Village Apartments of the Jewish Federation and The Charles Bierman Home. The senior living community, located in the heart of downtown South Orange, N.J. will observe its silver anniversary with resident programs and special events including an art exhibition, a knitting display by the community's knitting club, and a concert. The theme for the anniversary year is "Honoring our past, building our future."

The Village Silver Jubilee, an afternoon cocktail reception, will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2013. Attendees will include the JCHC Board of Trustees, staff and residents of Village Apartments and Bierman Home, and invited guests including elected officials, representatives from the Jewish Federation of Greater MetroWest New Jersey, and other non-profit agency partners.

Confirmed speakers at the Village Silver Jubilee include State Assemblywoman Mila Jasey, Essex County Freeholder Pat Sebold, South Orange Village President Alex Torpey, Diane Johnson, the Newark Program Office Director of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Harold Colton-Max, CEO of the JCHC. The event will be opened and emceed by JCHC Board President Jay Murnick.

The week-long celebration will culminate with an elegant private dinner for residents of Village Apartments on Wednesday, October 9, hosted at nearby Temple Sharey Tefilo-Israel.

"We are delighted to be celebrating 25 years of excellence in senior housing in South Orange," said Colton-Max. "Our organization has fostered a caring, vibrant community for hundreds of senior citizens in South Orange since opening the doors to Village Apartments with the Bierman Home Program in 1988, and we all look forward to the next 25 years as a vital part of South Orange Village Township."

Village Apartments of the Jewish Federation, located at 110 Vose Avenue, offers rental apartments for independent seniors with a range of amenities and programs that foster an engaged and active lifestyle; subsidies are available to those who qualify. The Charles Bierman Home offers shared apartment living in a supportive independent environment.

Village Apartments is owned and managed by The Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey; the Charles Bierman Home, which shares the premises, is operated by Daughters of Israel. For more information, visit www.jchcorp.org.

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About the Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey

Founded in 1982, the Jewish Community Housing Corporation of Metropolitan New Jersey (JCHC) developed and manages more than 475 apartments in four buildings for older adults in Morris and Essex counties in northern New Jersey. The non-profit organization offers seniors a range of options in terms of services, amenities, location, and cost, all within a traditional Jewish environment. The JCHC provides housing, programs, and services for the independent elderly as well as those who need assisted living. For more information, go to www.jchcorp.org.