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**CDC Hosts Weatherization Day Event at Largest Stimulus Weatherization Project on Long Island**  
*336 Units at Hempstead Multifamily Building Now More Energy Efficient*

**CENTEREACH, NY** (October 24, 2011) – Community Development Corporation of Long Island (CDC) celebrated Weatherization Day today at 600 Fulton Avenue in Hempstead, NY – the location of Long Island's largest multifamily American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded weatherization project.

Completed in 2011, this project was funded by nearly \$1 million in stimulus dollars, plus a significant private contribution from owner 590-600 Realty Group, who supported the project. Measures implemented include: replacement apartment and common area lighting, insulate pipes, low-flow faucets in apartments, insulation, weatherstripping and installing new boilers in one of the buildings.

“Saving energy, money and the environment, while producing green jobs, and making people's homes more comfortable is the reason CDC's mission includes the federal weatherization assistance program,” said Marianne Garvin, President & CEO, CDC. “The public's investment is leveraged with private investment and we are proud to be part of this effective New York State program.”

Crestwood Custom Contractors and Brooklyn Heating, both firms that work extensively in the local communities, were the contractors for the project. Together, these companies had 24 employees on site during the several-month project, and created or retained 3 new jobs.

This project is part of our on-going investment in Hempstead. Across the street is another completed weatherization job, Twin Oaks. It is one of the first-ever weatherization tax credit jobs in the state. CDC staff worked in close coordination with the developer Conifer Realty to implement energy efficient measures as they were conducting a complete renovation of the site, which will be home to 94 working families. Over \$400,000 in Weatherization funding was invested in the project. Measures implemented included attic and wall insulation as well as air sealing and windows.

Darryl C. Towns, Commissioner/CEO of New York State Homes and Community Renewal said, “CDC's quality work and dedication is evident here in Hempstead and throughout Long Island. Today we celebrate one of the largest Weatherization projects in New York completed with federal stimulus Act funds. Now, the homes of 336 families will be safer, warmer, and more affordable this winter. CDC and providers around the state have put weatherization funds to good use. HCR expects we will assist more than 60,000 housing units with this funding by the end of the year—making homes more comfortable, lowering utility costs for working families, and bringing jobs and economic activity into communities.”

“Weatherization saves consumers money, supports local jobs in construction and home improvement, is good for the environment and increases our energy independence,” said Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy, who has installed solar panels in her own home in Mineola. “This is a win for everyone involved and I'm proud to see a project like this in my district.”

Upon completion of the weatherization stimulus contract at the end of 2011, CDC will have weatherized over 2,600 units of housing for low income Long Islanders, completely free of charge. This represents a combined public and private investment of over \$17 million in our local economy.

CDC is the local subgrantee on Long Island for the New York State Homes and Community Renewal weatherization program, which is jointly funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. CDC has been the subgrantee for over two decades and has weatherized 17,500 residential units throughout Long Island, resulting in an average energy savings of 20-30% compared to pre-weatherization usage.

***About Community Development Corporation of Long Island***

*CDC of Long Island is a not-for-profit organization that supports Long Islanders pursuing their housing and small business dreams. Since its inception 41 years ago, CDC invests its resources, talents and knowledge in households, small business and communities assisting more than 93,000 Long Islanders and investing \$806 million into their communities. Last fiscal year alone, CDC served more than 17,000 Long Islanders investing nearly \$85 million into their communities. For more information, please visit [www.cdcli.org](http://www.cdcli.org).*