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## **SERNA VILLAGE OPENS DOORS TO PERMANENT, SUPPORTIVE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR FORMERLY HOMELESS FAMILIES**

*Agency partners with Mercy Housing and Cottage Housing  
to support 84-unit community at McClellan*

(Sacramento, CA. November 2, 2006) – A brand new housing community opened today at McClellan for families transitioning out of homelessness. Mercy Housing, Cottage Housing, Agency staff, community leaders, and residents gathered for the dedication of Serna Village at McClellan.



The Agency contributed \$885,000 in HOME funds to support the \$17.7 million project which provides 84 permanent apartment homes to families and individuals who were formerly homeless and have completed a Transitional Living program.

According to Cottage Housing, Inc., participants can remain in this supportive housing community as long as they are in need and eligible for available services. The housing provides permanent affordable housing with a structured program designed to help families gain their independence by improving their lives.

“Living here at Serna Village has helped me to work on myself at my own pace and now I have a career to look forward to,” said resident Maureen Stevens.

The project includes a social services component provided by Sacramento Cottage Housing, Inc., which provides a broad range of on-site activities that include job readiness and independent living skills workshops, recovery and relapse prevention, and social and recreational activities.

**SHRA** ([www.shra.org](http://www.shra.org)) is a Joint Powers Authority created by the City and County of Sacramento to represent both jurisdictions for affordable housing and community redevelopment needs. The Agency is the leading public developer of affordable housing and oversees residential and commercial revitalization activities in 14 redevelopment areas throughout the City and County. SHRA has a FY 2006 budget of \$227 million and approximately 308 employees. The Agency owns and manages 3,400 units of public housing and is one of the largest landlords in Sacramento. SHRA also administers approximately 11,000 rental assisted vouchers per month.

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