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### **Boston Townhouse Community Wins Community Excellence Award**

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Easthampton, Mass.--Treehouse at Easthampton Meadow, a townhouse community in Easthampton, Mass., was recently honored by the Rental Housing Association at its annual conference held in Boston on Sept. 10.

The mixed-income, intergenerational complex caters to families that are adopting children from the public foster care system and for seniors who want to be active and involved with their communities. Treehouse at Easthampton Meadow has been designed to “stop the bounce,” or to end the wave of foster children being moved from home to home, and create permanent homes for them.

The 60-unit complex, which opened in 2006, received the Community of Excellence Award for Best Property in the Assisted Community/Garden-Townhouse Post-2000 category.

Communities of Excellence entries were judged on the basis of their performance, service to their residents, and service to their communities.

Treehouse at Easthampton Meadow is a unique partnership between Beacon Communities, developer; The Treehouse Foundation, an adoption and foster care services organization; and Berkshire Children and Families, a non-profit organization. Berkshire Center for Families and Children has worked closely with Treehouse and the Department of Social Services to provide foster/adoptive care placement and on-site social services to the residents of the community. Treehouse at Easthampton Meadows one- to five-bedroom townhouses are located in a village-like setting with a central focus on the development's community center, where gatherings as well as educational and recreational programming take place.

“We are extremely proud to have helped create this innovative and exciting community that is dedicated to developing and maintaining a mixed-income, intergenerational community,” says Pam Goodman, president of Beacon Communities. “Most importantly, Treehouse is responsive to the need to support families and elders who wish to sustain their permanent commitment to raise children that have experienced foster care.”

Financing partners for Treehouse include the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, the MassHousing Finance Agency, the Community Economic Development Assistance Corp., and Bank of America, with syndication provided by Centerline Capital Group.

