



## **CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS AND HOME PROPERTIES LAUNCH NATIONAL CELL PHONE COLLECTION AT 100 LOCATIONS**

**NORWELL, Mass., July 1, 2008** – More than 150,000 troops are serving overseas and are away from their families. Cell Phones for Soldiers and Home Properties, a real estate investment trust (REIT) with communities in selected Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Midwest and Southeast Florida markets, are calling on all Americans to support these brave men and women by donating used cell phones.

“We’re asking Americans to make a small sacrifice of support by donating their used cell phones, providing families with a much-needed connection to their loved ones overseas,” says Brittany Bergquist, Cell Phones for Soldiers co-founder.

Home Properties residents can donate their old cell phones to the cause at any one of almost 100 Home Properties locations in Delaware, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The goal of the collection drive is to collect 5,000 phones in three months. Non-residents are also invited to participate. To find a drop-off location near you, visit [www.homeproperties.com](http://www.homeproperties.com) and utilize the map to search in your area.

“We’re proud to show our support for U.S. soldiers, and to work with our residents and employees to contribute to a worthy cause like Cell Phones for Soldiers,” says Rosemarie Cook-Manley, Marketing Director at Home Properties.

Cell Phones for Soldiers was founded by teenagers Robbie and Brittany Bergquist from Norwell, Mass., with \$21 of their own money. Since then, the registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization has raised millions of dollars in donations and distributed more than 500,000 prepaid calling cards to soldiers serving overseas.

“We have been overwhelmed by the generous support of thousands of Americans who have helped our troops speak with their loved ones,” says the teens’ father, Bob Bergquist. “However the need for support keeps growing as more soldiers are sent to the Middle East or are asked to serve extended tours of duty.”

Through increased fundraising efforts, the Bergquist family hopes to raise more than \$9 million in the next five years to fund new programs, such as providing video phones to allow soldiers abroad to see their families on a regular basis.

The phones are sent to ReCellular, which pays Cell Phones for Soldiers for each donated phone – enough to provide an hour of talk time to soldiers abroad.

Approximately half of the phones ReCellular processes are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in over 40 countries around the world. Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled to the highest environmental standards.

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**About Cell Phones for Soldiers:**

*Cell Phones for Soldiers was created by Brittany & Robbie Bergquist of Norwell MA. After reading a story about a soldier who ran up a huge phone bill calling home from Iraq, these two teenagers decided to help out. They started by opening an account with \$21.00 of their own money. They are collecting cash donations and old cell phones. The cell phones are recycled for cash and the proceeds are used to buy prepaid calling cards for our soldiers serving in the Middle East. Cell Phones for Soldiers is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Their efforts have motivated people and businesses around the country to donate to this worthy cause. Their goal is to provide every U.S. soldier with a way to call home for free. For more information, please visit [www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com](http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com)*

**About Home Properties:**

*Home Properties is a real estate investment trust (REIT) with operations primarily in selected Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast Florida markets that is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol HME. The Company owns, operates, develops, acquires and rehabilitates apartment communities. We adhere to a simple and straightforward business plan in our effort to provide investors with dependable financial returns that exceed those of comparable investments. Our communities generate extraordinary financial results through physical improvements and exhibit an unwavering commitment to customer service. Home Properties and its predecessor company have a proven track record of creating and preserving value in multifamily rental housing since 1967.*

**About ReCellular Inc.:**

*With offices in the United States, Hong Kong, and Brazil, ReCellular Inc. is the world's foremost collector, reseller and recycler of used wireless phones and accessories. We provide solutions for the collection, reuse and recycling of used personal electronics that generate financial return for our partners, quality products for our customers, funding for charity organizations, and protection of the environment. Corporate, charitable, consumer and wholesale information is available at [www.ReCellular.com](http://www.ReCellular.com).*

**Home Properties Locations**

<b>PropertyName</b>	<b>City, State</b>	<b>PropertyName</b>	<b>City, State</b>
Home Properties of Newark	Newark, DE	Cambridge Village	Levittown, NY
Annapolis Roads Apartments	Annapolis, MD	Yorkshire Village Apartments	Levittown, NY
Bonnie Ridge Apartments	Baltimore, MD	Mid-Island Apartments	Bay Shore, NY
Canterbury Apartments	Baltimore, MD	Southern Meadows	Bayport, NY
Dunfield Townhomes	Baltimore, MD	Hawthorne Court	Central Islip, NY
Fox Hall Apartments	Baltimore, MD	Bari Manor Apartments	Ossining, NY
Selford Townhomes	Baltimore, MD	Hudson View Estates	Ossining, NY
Woodholme Manor Apartments	Baltimore, MD	Sherwood House	Ossining, NY
Country Village	Bel Air, MD	Sparta Green Apartments	Ossining, NY
Heritage Woods	Bel Air, MD	Bayview Apartments	Patchogue, NY
Top Field Apartments	Cockeysville, MD	Patricia Apartments	Peekskill, NY
Elmwood Terrace Apartments	Frederick, MD	Lakeshore Villa Apartments	Port Ewen, NY
The Apartments at Wellington Trace	Frederick, MD	Sayville Commons	Sayville, NY
Cider Mill Apartments	Gaithersburg, MD	South Bay Apartments	Sayville, NY
The Coves at Chesapeake	Glen Burnie, MD	Holiday Square	West Babylon, NY
Village Square Townhomes & Apart.	Glen Burnie, MD	Westwood Village Apartments	Westbury, NY
Gateway Village Apartments	Jessup, MD	Wedgewood Village Apartments	Columbus, OH
Tamarron Apartments	Olney, MD	Trexler Park Apartments	Allentown, PA
Falcon Crest Townhomes & Apart.	Owings Mills, MD	Hill Brook Place Apartments	Bensalem, PA
Mill Towne Village	Owings Mills, MD	The Landings	Bethlehem, PA
Morningside	Owings Mills, MD	Home Properties of Bryn Mawr	Bryn Mawr, PA
Owings Run Apartments	Owings Mills, MD	Sherry Lake Apartments	Conshohocken, PA
Timbercroft Townhomes & Apart.	Owings Mills, MD	Home Properties of Devon	Devon, PA
Cinnamon Run	Silver Spring, MD	Ridley Brook Apartments	Folsom, PA
Falkland Chase Apartments	Silver Spring, MD	Glen Brook Apartments	Glenolden, PA
Peppertree Farm	Silver Spring, MD	Glen Manor Apartments	Glenolden, PA
The Manor Apartments (MD)	Silver Spring, MD	Village Square Apartments	Harleysville, PA
Woodleaf Apartments	Silver Spring, MD	Chesterfield Apartments	Levittown, PA
Ridgeview at Wakefield Valley	Westminster, MD	Racquet Club Apartments	Levittown, PA
Chatham Hill Apartments	Chatham, NJ	William Henry Apartments	Malvern, PA
Hackensack Gardens	Hackensack, NJ	Castle Club Apartments	Morrisville, PA
Regency Club Apartments	Jackson, NJ	Curren Terrace	Norristown, PA
East Hill Gardens	Leonia, NJ	Beechwood Gardens	Philadelphia, PA
Lakeview Apartments	Leonia, NJ	Valley View Apartments	Pottstown, PA
Pleasure Bay Apartments	Long Branch, NJ	New Orleans Park	Secane, PA
Barrington Gardens	Matawan, NJ	Golf Club Apartments	West Chester, PA
Jacob Ford Village	Morristown, NJ	The Brooke at Peachtree Village	Whitehall, PA
Northwood Apartments	North Plainfield, NJ	Braddock Lee Apartments	Alexandria, VA
Pleasant View Gardens	Piscataway, NJ	Mount Vernon Square Apt.	Alexandria, VA
Royal Gardens Apartments	Piscataway, NJ	Orleans Village	Alexandria, VA
Oak Manor Apartments	Ridgewood, NJ	Seminary Hill Apartments	Alexandria, VA
Wayne Village	Wayne, NJ	Seminary Towers Apartments	Alexandria, VA
Windsor Realty Company	Wood-Ridge, NJ	Virginia Village	Alexandria, VA
Heritage Square Apartments	East Meadow, NY	Park Shirlington Apartments	Arlington, VA
Devonshire Hills	Hauppauge, NY	East Meadow Apartments	Fairfax, VA
Sunset Garden Apartments	Kingston, NY	The Manor Apartments (VA)	Leesburg, VA
Lake Grove Apartments	Lake Grove, NY	The Sycamores	Reston, VA
Woodmont Village Apartments	Lake Ronkonkoma, NY	West Springfield Terrace	Springfield, VA