

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Community Housing Partnership Welcomes New Board Member Steve Bowdry**

*Real estate professional bolsters nonprofit's capacity to advance solutions for homelessness*

San Francisco, CA – Community Housing Partnership, a nonprofit organization that provides housing, support services, and economic opportunities for homeless individuals, is pleased to announce a significant appointment to its Board of Directors. Steve Bowdry, a leader with more than 20 years experience in commercial real estate, was elected to the Community Housing Partnership Board in September 2010. Mr. Bowdry previously served on the organization's fundraising committee, and is delighted to deepen his commitment to CHP.

"With Steve's expertise and insight in financial management for commercial real estate, he'll be a tremendous asset to our Board," said Gail Gilman, executive director of Community Housing Partnership. "Steve also brings with him an extensive network, and our team looks forward to working with him to help advance the organization's recognition in the broader community."

Mr. Bowdry's professional work has focused on class A properties, and he has worked with several notable companies, including AMB Property Corp., Jones Lang LaSalle and Prometheus Real Estate Group. He currently offers financial management services for real estate through his company Bowdry Properties.

"The fact that Community Housing Partnership is experiencing such active growth makes this an exciting time to join the Board," Mr. Bowdry notes. "I'm deepening my commitment to CHP because the organization looks for permanent, rather than temporary, solutions for homelessness and I'm pleased that I can contribute to this mission."

The addition of Mr. Bowdry is one more achievement in what has been a dynamic year for Community Housing Partnership, which celebrated the Grand Opening of its 47-unit Zygmunt Arendt House in June. The building, at 850 Broderick Street, is CHP's first housing development to exclusively serve formerly homeless senior citizens. In July, CHP purchased the Edward the Second Hotel in Cow Hollow with plans to convert the property to apartments for youths who previously lived in foster homes. With 264 units of housing in the

development pipeline, Community Housing Partnership continues to to break the cycle of homelessness by strengthening community, encouraging self-determination and involving tenants in every aspect of the organization.

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### **ABOUT COMMUNITY HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

Formed in 1990 by people who had been homeless, advocates for the homeless and affordable housing developers, Community Housing Partnership is a San Francisco-based nonprofit organization that develops and operates permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless people. Community Housing Partnership currently serves 1,800 people per year through housing, services, job training, leadership development and employment programs. Community Housing Partnership currently owns and/or operates eleven housing sites that serve formerly homeless adults and families and has three new projects in the pipeline. Community Housing Partnership also engages in community and economic development through its certified job training programs, a community organizing project and a social enterprise that employs formerly homeless adults. Community Housing Partnership recently launched the Treatment and Supportive Housing Program, an outpatient substance abuse and mental health treatment program to assist its tenants who struggle with those issues.

Community Housing Partnership is financially stable with an annual operating budget of approximately \$10 million and reserves appropriate for its size and scope. The organization has an outstanding staff of over 200 people, over half of whom were once homeless. For more information about the Community Housing Partnership please visit [www.chp-sf.org](http://www.chp-sf.org).

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