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Agency offers new, affordable housing community

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Heritage Community Housing, Inc. has opened The Crossing at Madera, a 64-unit, gated community.

The community should help alleviate housing shortages for low-income families.

On Sept. 7, the agency opened the doors to the complex, consisting of two and three bedroom, apartments. The gated community also includes a swimming pool, and community room. This project will serve families who are at or below the 50 percent and 60 percent average median income. The Crossings at Madera fulfills the City's Redevelopment Agency's goal of increasing and improving the local community and its housing stock.

To make the new, affordable complex a reality, the agency partnered with the local community, The City of Madera and Urban Housing Communities.

In 2000, it was estimated that nearly 26 percent of Madera's housing units were considered overcrowded compared to California's 15 percent. In Madera, 37 percent of all renter households were also considered overcrowded. The proposed rents for The Crossings at Madera are 16 percent to 34 percent below market and all units will serve low-income families.

Also, thanks to the Joe Serna Jr. Farm Worker Program Funds, priority for leasing will be offered to agricultural industry workers.

Heritage Community Housing, Inc. (HCHI), the agency's non-profit managing general partner, has developed and operated 10 affordable housing projects and has more than five projects under development.

For further information regarding The Crossings at Madera, contact Cesar Delgado at (714) 835-3427 ext. 102 or by e-mail at: cdelgado@hch.cc



From left, Doug Bigley, Cesar Delgado, Max Rodriguez, Steve Froberg, Rob Poythress, Bob Cerince, Joseph Singh, Roger Devila, Steve Mindt and Nick Benjamin join together for a ribbon cutting at the grand opening of Crossings at Madera, a low income housing community.

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