

# GOOD CITIZENSHIP

## National Charity Addresses Shortage Of Affordable Housing

(NAPSA)—The door is open a lot wider for low-income seniors, families and people with disabilities to find affordable housing thanks to the response of a national charity.

From building new housing communities for low-income seniors in Middletown, Ohio, and Denver, Colorado, to renovating a housing community for low-income families in Hayward, California, Volunteers of America is moving aggressively to combat the nation's affordable housing crisis. By creating new housing communities and preserving existing affordable properties, Volunteers of America's goal is to curb the growing number of seniors, families, and people with disabilities who are unable to afford a decent and affordable place to live.

"As one of the largest nonprofit providers of affordable housing in the United States, Volunteers of America is committed to providing seniors, families, and people with disabilities a safe and affordable place to live," Volunteers of America National President and CEO Charles Gould said. "As a national, faith-based organization, we have a moral obligation to address one of the great challenges in our country—the shortage of affordable housing for our most vulnerable citizens."

Nationally, Volunteers of America and its affiliates own and oper-



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ate more than 250 affordable housing communities in 31 states that are home to more than 20,000 people. Additional housing communities are in the development stages or under construction in 12 additional locations, including Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico, and are scheduled for completion during the next several years.

In testimony before Congress, Volunteers of America has urged increased funding for federal programs that support affordable housing construction in the United States—particularly housing for the elderly. For more information about Volunteers of America's affordable housing projects, call (800) 899-0089 or visit [www.VolunteersofAmerica.org](http://www.VolunteersofAmerica.org).