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OPEN HOUSE FOR STUDENT-BUILT HOME TO BE HELD MAY 22

The City of Kenosha, Harvest Homes, Inc., the Kenosha Unified School District No. 1 (KUSD), and the Carpenters Home Improvement Program, Inc., will be conducting an **Open House** for the recently completed single family home new construction project at **1621-56th St.** The Open House Ceremony will be held on **Wed., May 22, at 4 p.m.** The Open House also signals the local "kick-off" to June's National Home Ownership Month.

The home is the first new construction project completed by the partnership of the City of Kenosha, City of Kenosha Housing Authority, Harvest Homes, Inc., and the Carpenters Home Improvement Program (CHIP). Eight similar new construction projects involving various contractors are currently under way in the Columbus Park, Lincoln Park and Washington Park neighborhoods. The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development through the Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnership Program.

Last year, using a competitive proposal and interview process, the Kenosha Housing Authority selected Harvest Homes, Inc., as the architect and general contractor for the program. Harvest Homes uses the KUSD CHIP Program as the carpentry subcontractor for all of the house framing, garage construction, and finish carpentry. The KUSD students work on site with a Master Carpenter during all phases of each project. The partnership is completing three new homes this spring with four more homes scheduled to start in June.

The completed homes are sold at their appraised value to income-eligible first time home buyers. Qualified buyers must be able to obtain first mortgage financing from a primary lender. The City is able to provide low interest, second mortgage financing to assist the home buyer in covering the difference between their first mortgage and the purchase price. The second mortgage purchase assistance is limited to 17 percent of the purchase price. Home buyers are required to provide a minimum 3 percent down payment. Sale prices of the new homes range from \$110,000 to \$135,000.

For more information about the program, contact Mark McCarthy of the City of Kenosha Department of City Development at 653-4028.

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