

A Story of Compassion

USDA Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

The New Samaritan Housing Corporation

Hamden, Connecticut

Originally constructed in 1981 through the USDA Rural Development Rural Rental Housing Loan Program, the New Samaritan Housing Corporation had not had any major renovation since construction.

As project owner, New Samaritan Housing Corporation began looking for sources of funding for renovations. USDA Rural Development, as the original lender, was the starting point. In addition to the \$450,000 Rural Development loan, New Samaritan was successful in obtaining \$250,000 in a state grant.

The Rural Development loan helped provide for rehabilitation of the Hop River Homes, a 24-unit elderly and disabled housing complex. The renovations included a new roof, new siding, window and exterior door replacement, repaving of the parking lot, and repair of the sidewalks. In addition, the complex was upgraded to meet handicap accessibility regulations throughout the buildings and site and to make needed repairs to units and the community room. The improvements will provide a more attractive, energy-efficient living space and allow access by persons with disabilities.

Tenants have expressed appreciation and great satisfaction with how the work was completed and the end results. They are happy with the ease of operation of the new windows, heating cost savings, and the new yellow vinyl siding that makes their home bright and cheery!

About the Organization

New Samaritan Housing Corporation is a faith-based non-profit organization. Hop River Homes is owned by New Samaritan Housing Corporation (NSHC), now known as Eastern Connecticut Housing Organization, Incorporated (DCHO).

NSHC was incorporated on June 11, 1976, with the aid of New Samaritan Corporation, a mission arm of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ. Their mission is to provide decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing to elderly and disabled persons.

