### **HOUSING VIRGINIA**

# BEST PRACTICES

WHAT

#### **PRESERVATION OF EXISTING HOUSING STOCK**

## WHO

**Project:HOMES** 



Richmond City and Surrounding Counties

## HOW

This organization provides weatherization, rehabilitation, revitalization, and energy conservation repairs to homes. The group also makes accessibility modifications to homes. project:HOMES is devoted to improving a person's housing and living conditions through a variety of home financing, sales, repair, and construction services as well as the development of single-family market rate homes.

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project:HOMES makes critical home repairs and improvements for seniors, disabled residents and qualified homeowners as well as builds and revitalizes quality and affordable homes. The organization's weatherization service provides direct installation of energy-saving measures such as: sealing air-leaks with insulation, caulking, and weather stripping; repairing leaky duct systems; repairing and/or replacing inefficient or unsafe heating systems; and installing carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. Rehabilitation services provide critical home repairs and accessibility modifications. The revitalization program includes the development of new single-family homes, adaptive re-use of existing vacant structures, land development, general contracting and asset management. Revitalization services help eliminate blight and bring new homeowners to challenged communities. Additionally, project:HOMES partners with Conservation Strategies to promote the use of energy conservation products and techniques that improve comfort while reducing energy costs and environmental impact.

This past year (2013) project:HOMES completed 2,163 home repairs to improve the lives of 1,216 families. The weatherization program helped 395 homeowners and 455 apartment dwellers reduce their heating and cooling costs by an average of 30% by providing more than 1,600 energy conservation measures.

