

# COACHELLA VALLEY HOUSING COALITION

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## Press Release

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### **The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition is named 2008 Developer of the Year by the Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing**

**Indio, Calif.** – The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) has been named 2008 Developer of the Year by the Southern California Association of Nonprofit Housing (SCANPH), a membership organization of 450 public agencies, nonprofit organizations and individuals dedicated to the production, preservation and management of permanently affordable homes for low-income households.

CVHC was honored at SCANPH's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Housing Conference, held September 26 at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in Los Angeles, CA. The award is one of the several award categories presented to Southern California's top affordable housing developers, financial supporters, advocates, and staff persons. "I deeply appreciate receiving this honor from our colleagues from all of Southern California", said John Mealey, CVHC Executive Director in a statement. CVHC won in the same category in 1997, and in the Development of the Year category in 2001 and 2007.

CVHC currently has 96 single family homes under construction in the Coachella Valley. 218 apartments of the highest quality construction in La Quinta, with rents affordable to working families, are slated for completion by the end of 2009. CVHC also has 936 units in development, of which 503 are single family homes and 433 are apartments. Since its inception, the organization has built more than 3,500 homes and apartments for low-income families in Riverside County and now in Imperial County.

CVHC's success shows in more than the number of units developed. CVHC strives to maintain complexes that continue exemplary service after years of occupancy in order to increase the likelihood that more affordable housing is built in Riverside, Imperial and San Bernardino Counties. Complexes built in the early 1990s are impeccably maintained, and attract just as many prospective tenants as the newer developments. CVHC developments give affordable housing a good name.

Since CVHC's Mutual Self-Help Program benefits low- to very-low income first-time homebuyers with good credit, it attracts highly motivated and committed people with a strong desire for homeownership. CVHC's track record of success attracts hundreds of families each year looking for the opportunity for home ownership, upholding CVHC's stellar reputation.

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Located in Indio, California, about one hundred miles east of Los Angeles, the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) is a nationally-recognized non-profit housing development corporation dedicated to helping low and very-low income families improve their living conditions through advocacy, research, construction, and operation of housing and community development projects. CVHC has constructed more than 3,500 homes and apartments for low-income households in Riverside and Imperial Counties. In addition, CVHC has developed childcare centers, after-school programs and computer technology centers. It operates various services for its tenants and others including Ballet Folklorico and Mariachi classes, English as a Second Language classes, and tennis and recreational programs. For more information, visit [www.cvhc.org](http://www.cvhc.org)

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