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## **Earmark Helps AHC Build Classroom and Playground for Apartment Residents**

(Arlington, VA) – AHC Inc., the largest developer of affordable housing in Arlington County, will receive a \$200,000 earmark through the FY2008 appropriations bill for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. AHC will use the appropriation, sponsored by Representative Jim Moran (D-VA), to make improvements at three of its affordable apartment complexes in Arlington.

At the Berkeley Apartments, a 138-unit apartment complex in south Arlington, AHC will convert an old storage area into classroom space that can be used for a preschool during daytime hours and for teen tutoring or adult education classes in the evening. As part of its mission, AHC offers educational services at several of its apartment complexes to help low- and moderate-income families gain important life skills.

Outdoor space at Virginia Gardens Apartments, which has 76 affordable apartments, will be re-landscaped and made into a picnic and play area for families living at the complex. AHC also plans to expand and refurbish an existing playground at Harvey Hall, a 116-unit apartment complex in the Columbia Heights West neighborhood of Arlington.

“AHC’s conscientious efforts continue to provide vital affordable housing to working families in Arlington,” said Representative Jim Moran. “I salute their hard work and was proud to assist by obtaining an appropriation for the refurbishment at The Berkeley and Virginia Gardens.”

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Founded in 1975, AHC Inc. is a private, nonprofit developer of low- and moderate-income housing. AHC produces and preserves affordable rental housing; offers housing rehabilitation services; provides homeownership opportunities; and coordinates educational services to improve the quality of residents’ lives. AHC owns 28 rental properties, providing housing for more than 6,000 low- and moderate-income residents. AHC’s homeownership programs have helped over 1,000 families renovate and repair their aging homes and assisted 300 families buy their first home.