



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**November 13, 2006**

**Contact: Roxane Hill (CHWC) 913.342.7580**  
**Tracey Mershon (CHWC) 816.478.6299**  
**Catherine Rice (Providence Medical Center) 913.596.5006**

## **CHWC Purchases Former Bethany Medical Center Site** ***Future Redevelopment Expected to Improve Central Ave. Corridor***

Kansas City, Kansas (November 13, 2006) – Community Housing Wyandotte County, Inc. (CHWC), is pleased to announce the acquisition of a 9.2 acre site, formerly the location of Bethany Medical Center at Central Avenue and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. CHWC completed the purchase of the property Nov. 3, 2006 from Sisters of the Charity Leavenworth Health Services Corp., and plans to develop the site into a senior housing campus and a single family development.

“The purchase of this land fits our mission to bring multiple housing choices to underserved areas. In the tradition of serving the community, the future redevelopment of this major site will transform the largest contiguous parcel of land in the heart of the KCK urban core into a thriving neighborhood,” said Michael Avery, CHWC Executive Director.

CHWC, a nonprofit community development corporation, purchased the property for \$50,000. The funds originated from federal appropriations from the Economic Development Initiative through assistance from U.S. Senator Sam Brownback.

Two developments are planned for on the site, CHWC expects to break ground first quarter 2007. An \$8 million senior campus, called Village of Fountains, will contain a 59-unit assisted living facility and 20 senior cottages. The campus will be the first of its kind in the KCK urban core. It will have a park-like setting to enhance green space and will be adjacent to the Bethany Medical Offices and Bethany Community Center.

The second project is a single family housing development featuring 22 homes adjacent to the senior campus. It is designed to blend with the Village of Fountains site and add stability to the surrounding neighborhood. The \$3.5 million project is anticipated to help stabilize the Central Avenue corridor through much-needed quality infill housing.

“We are pleased that our original commitment to transform the Bethany campus and be a conduit for community revitalization has come to fruition,” said Greg Madsen, Providence Medical Center’s Vice President, Administration. “This site will now be used to benefit and strengthen the neighborhood, and provide a viable option for older adult living—positively affecting this urban core area. In the spirit of the Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health System core values—response to need, respect, wholeness, excellence and stewardship—we’ve accomplished our mission.”

Started in 1998, CHWC, Inc. is a nonprofit community development corporation that works to stabilize, revitalize and reinvest in Kansas City, Kan., neighborhoods through affordable housing opportunities and other related development. CHWC, a charter member of NeighborWorks, has grown to become one of the largest nonprofit producers of single-family housing in the metro, achieving recognition as a premier community development corporation in Greater Kansas City. CHWC also promotes economic development, supports minor home repair efforts for low-income homeowners, and provides lending assistance and homeowner education, and other community organizing activities. For more information about CHWC Inc., visit our website at [www.chwconline.com](http://www.chwconline.com).

###