

The Homesteads Wins National Award

The Homesteads, a new housing community consisting of 16 single-family homes in Sandwich, was recently honored by the National Association of Homebuilders and Builder Magazine as the 2008 Best Affordable Home in its annual Best in American Living Awards.

The Homesteads was designed by Brown Lindquist Fenuccio & Raber Architects, Inc. of Yarmouthport, and built by The Valle Group of Falmouth for Housing Assistance Corporation. The community was developed on a 16-acre parcel donated to HAC by Ben and Lucile Fleet of Sandwich for affordable housing. About two-thirds of the land is designated as open space. "When you drive into the neighborhood, you see homes and yards that are beautiful by any standard, not just homes and yards that are beautiful for an affordable project," said Rick Presbrey, President/CEO of Housing Assistance Corporation.



Christian Valle, president of The Valle Group, said, "Building this extraordinary community and being able to create homes in the affordable price range was extremely satisfying."



Architect Rick Fenuccio said "Designing and constructing the Homesteads was a truly collaborative effort. HAC also laid out a clear vision for the type of site and homes which they wanted to develop. Our firm was given the opportunity and encouragement to think about these homes as unique and custom designed while meeting the need for affordability, and The Valle Group responded with a high level of construction quality."

The Homesteads was subsidized by over \$1 million in public funding and 16 homes, ranging from \$150,000 to \$225,000, were sold by lottery to low- and moderate-income first-time homebuyers.