

Media Advisory

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EPA presents ENERGY STAR AWARD For Excellence in Affordable Housing to Thistle Communities

DENVER, Colo -- **Alice Madden, Colorado Climate Change Coordinator** will explain how Thistle's new Energy-Efficient affordable homes at Blue Vista **Showcase the success of Colorado's Green Energy Leadership, stimulating both the Housing Industry and the Energy Economy.**

The **2009 Regional ENERGY STAR Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing** will be presented to non-profit, Thistle Communities, on Tuesday, April 28 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Press Room at the Colorado State Capital.

Homeowner, Susan Tatum, school teacher and single mother of three, who helped build her own home, will show her **energy bill savings which total \$22,000** over the life of the home.

Thistle provides the latest in energy efficient new homes. Thistle's homes are affordable and financially sustainable for qualified working class families. Like President Obama's benchmark, Thistle homeowners pay no more than 31% of their income on housing. The foreclosure rate for Thistle homeowners is six times lower than the state average.

Photos:

***Homeowner** with reduced energy bills. (see feature, attached) Potential interview/photos at her award winning home in Longmont .

* Demonstration of **Energy Wall Display**, and **Energy kits**, latest technology to save on monthly bills for working families.

*Media availability will be held after the presentation.

What: EPA announces 2009 Regional ENERGY STAR Award Winner

Who: Alice Madden, Colorado's New Climate Change Coordinator
EPA, Eddie Sierra, Acting Regional Director
HUD, Deborah Griswold, Deputy Regional Director, Region VIII,
Energy Outreach Colorado, Skip Arnold, Executive Director, invited
State Rep. Claire Levy, who has worked to enact energy efficient
building standards and apply them to affordable housing developments
Homeowner: Susan Tatum
Mary Roosevelt, CEO, Thistle Communities

When: April 28, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Press Room, 3d Floor, State Capital, 200 East Colfax Avenue, Denver, CO

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