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MHEG Raises \$25 Million in Equity for Affordable Housing in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY - Midwest Housing Equity Group, Inc. (MHEG) is pleased to announce the closing of Oklahoma Fund III, L.P. with a total of \$25 million in equity for affordable housing in Oklahoma. OF III, L.P. is the third fund for MHEG's Oklahoma Operations. The equity raised in this fund will assist in the development of several properties and help create hundreds of units of affordable housing. Investors in this fund include: American Fidelity Assurance Company, BancFirst, Bank of Oklahoma, Commerce Bank, Farmers and Merchants Investment, Inc., Lifeshield National Insurance Company (a subsidiary of MidFirst), Seaboard Corporation and Wells Fargo.

"Through a partnership with several institutional equity partners, Midwest Housing Equity Group has facilitated the development of a number of housing projects throughout Oklahoma, including a number of projects in communities where BancFirst has a presence," stated Dennis Brand, CEO of BancFirst and a member of MHEG's Oklahoma Operations & Investment Committee. "Improving the quality of housing, particularly in the non-metropolitan areas, is an important step in the betterment and preservation of Oklahoma communities. Therefore, MHEG's mission of improved housing and our commitment of capital are important to the communities we serve."

MHEG looks for quality multifamily properties that meet the mission and standards of the company. These properties are typically sponsored/developed by non-profit and for-profit developers with a common goal of providing much needed affordable housing. To date, MHEG has invested in 21 developments throughout the state, creating almost 900 affordable housing units. The closing of OF III, L.P. brings the total of amount of equity raised in Oklahoma to \$90 million.

"We are pleased to complete our third fund with a mix of previous partners and new relationships, all of whom have a vested interest in affordable housing for Oklahoma's workforce and seniors," commented Andrea Frymire, Executive Vice President of Oklahoma operations. "Their choice to invest in OF III reflects their acknowledgement of MHEG's diligence in underwriting and asset management. We appreciate the trust and reliance they have placed in us."

MHEG is a tax credit syndicator that operates in four states (Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska in addition to Oklahoma). MHEG's mission is to change lives for a better tomorrow by promoting the development and sustainability of quality affordable housing. To date, it has invested over \$625 million of equity into affordable housing throughout the four states. In addition to tax credit syndication, MHEG staff provides technical assistance to developers, owners and management companies on the development and management of tax credit properties. For more information about MHEG please visit our website at www.mheginc.com.

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