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Photo attached: Refurbished Walnut House, courtesy of Rogerson Communities

Mayor Menino Cuts the Ribbon at Walnut House

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Ribbon Cutting: 2:00 PM

Walnut House

409 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury

Boston, MA -- (May, 2008) -- Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino will cut the ribbon at **Walnut House** on June 4 marking the completion of Phase III of a \$27M redevelopment project in Egleston Square. This is Rogerson Communities' newest modern rehab project and a collaboration between Rogerson Communities and Forward, Inc., the non-profit owner of this three-acre property. Of the three antique buildings on the site which was named to the National Register of Historic Places in 2005, **Walnut House** is the oldest, designed by architect John A. Fox and built in 1892 for the Home for Aged Couples.

Walnut House is a congregate housing program for older adults with disabilities. Over the years, the building had fallen into extreme disrepair but there was no alternative site for the program. With that in mind, Rogerson Communities devised a plan through which the building could be renovated while keeping the residents in place. Previously, residents were sharing bathrooms and kitchens. Now residents enjoy their restored surroundings, including new apartments with private baths and kitchenettes. There is a new lounge, a common kitchen and dining areas, along with strikingly restored glass enclosed staircases on either end of the building.

Leased by Bay Cove Human Services, services at **Walnut House** are funded by the Department of Mental Health and promote rehabilitation and recovery, enabling people to live rich, full lives.

On this same site, Rogerson Communities completed the renovation of the landmark building, **Carleton House**, in October, 2005, bringing 44 new units of housing to market for low-income individuals and families. In 2007, Rogerson finished new construction of **Spencer House**, offering 46 units of low-income elder housing and an adult day health program. Rogerson Communities provides property management for all three buildings.

Rogerson Communities has provided housing and health care for elders and low-income individuals and families since it was founded in 1860. Today, Rogerson serves more than 1,500 Greater Boston families

through 25 facilities and programs. These services include housing, adult day health programs, fitness training and memory loss care and treatment.

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