

**CAMBRIDGE**

# **GoGreen Awards**

**2009**



**CATEGORY:** Energy / Small Organization

## **HOMEOWNER'S REHAB, INC. 280 Franklin Street**

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. (HRI) renovated a fire-damaged 6-unit triple decker at 58 7th Street following green design principles, including the use of energy efficiency and renewable energy measures.
- The renovated structure achieved a remarkable HERS (Home Energy Rating System) rating of 35 under the Energy Star Homes program, which means it is 65% more efficient than average. Energy efficiency measures include Energy Star lighting throughout, motion detectors and photo cells on common area lighting, Energy Star rated appliances, and energy use monitors in two of the units.
- The triple-decker has also been equipped with a 7-kilowatt solar photovoltaic array to generate electricity and a solar hot water system.
- Other green design features include rapidly renewable bamboo flooring, reduction of impervious areas on the site, rainwater harvesting with rain barrels, low-flow water conserving fixtures, fiber-cement siding in lieu of wood where possible, and recycling of 85% of the construction waste.

### **ABOUT HOMEOWNER'S REHAB, INC.**

Homeowner's Rehab, Inc is a non-profit affordable housing developer in Cambridge. It has provided housing to low and moderate income families in Cambridge since 1972. It has developed over 1,400 affordable housing units, and it manages 938 of them. HRI supports an environmental mission to reduce, reuse, and recycle. The renovations that they fund upgrade housing to meet health, safety, and energy saving standards, reduce environmental impact, and better accommodate people with disabilities. For more information, contact Peter Daly at

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### **ABOUT THE GO GREEN AWARD**

The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling, energy, stormwater management, climate protection, and community sustainability. The awardees make significant contributions to the reduction of the carbon footprint of Cambridge and to making the city more sustainable.