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Study Concludes Homeownership is
Main Path to Wealth for Lower Income
and Minority Americans

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This Information Update is the tenth in a series to be made available to improve awareness and understanding of alternative approaches to expand affordable and accessible housing choices for Americans with disabilities. These updates will feature new publications, policy developments at a federal, state, and local levels, and other strategies being pursued by grantees, community and faith-based organizations, and housing agencies to respond to the Olmstead "Community Inclusion" mandate. These Information Updates are being prepared by Michael Morris, Director of the National Disability Institute at the NCB Development Corporation on behalf of the Community Living Exchange at the Rutgers University Center for State Health Policy. To contact Michael Morris directly, his email address and phone number are mmorris@ncbdc.org, (202) 521-2930.

HOUSING INFORMATION UPDATE NUMBER 10

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to Provide Development Grants for Communities

Through its Community Partnership for Older Adults grant initiative, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will provide a maximum of 17 communities with development grants of up to \$150,000 for 18 months. Twelve development grantees will be awarded implementation grants of up to \$750,000 each on a competitive basis. Letters of intent must be submitted to the foundation by 3:00 pm on January 9, 2004 and the full proposals are due sometime in April of 2004.

The Community Partnerships program fosters community partnerships that will improve long-term care and supportive services systems to meet the current and future needs of older adults. The program encourages communities to build on their experience, share and learn from other communities, and help shape state and national policy as they develop and implement solutions for the future. Diversity is a guiding principle of this initiative.

The program seeks applications from existing community partnerships or collaborative groups with broad and diverse memberships from communities throughout the United States. Applying partnerships must encompass a geographic area with at least 10,000 residents who are age 60 or older; the Foundation will, however, make exceptions from this rule for rural communities. Statewide efforts, universities, hospital-based health systems, professional associations, state agencies and for-profit entities are not eligible to apply.

Proposals will be evaluated on:

- (1) Evidence of the partnership's success in improving the lives of older adults;
- (2) Clarity and feasibility of project scope, goals, objectives, strategic plan and budget use; and
- (3) Meaningful participation by older adults in the partnership.

All letters of intent and proposals must be submitted online to the National Program Office at the Partnerships for Older Adults website.

For more information, visit the Community Partnerships for Older Adults website at <http://partnershipsforolderadults.org>. Information on the call for proposals is found at <http://www.partnershipsforolderadults.org/program/index.aspx>.