Marblehead Community Housing Corporation

Celebrates 20 Years**.......... in Marblehead**

**Join Us! Support Us! Charitable Night**

**The Landing – April 26, 2011**

**5-8pm**

*developing affordable housing opportunities..........enhancing our community*.........

Friends,

Thank you, thank you, for your continued support over the years for the Marblehead Community Housing Corporation (Fair Housing Committee Marblehead) and our mission to create affordable housing in Marblehead.  As a valued contributor to our mission, we wanted to share with you that we have been working hard this year to keep affordable housing in Marblehead --- and we would like to share our good news.

With the generous support of donors like you, we have been able to offer housing in our community to  …....... residents, who otherwise might not have been able to access purchasing property in Marblehead. We have invested …............. dollars into ….........  properties, that also helps to support the economy of our town and our state.

We know these are difficult times for non-profit organizations, we are more grateful than ever for your commitment to our mission to build affordable housing in Marblehead.  Please help us continue our work by making a tax-deductible donation. Your contribution helps provide …........... services that are needed to sustain the long-term success for affordable housing in Marblehead.

With deep appreciation,

FACT: The average purchase price for a Marblehead residential property is between $480,000 - $500,000

FACT: Chapter 40B was created in 1969 to help address the shortage of affordable housing statewide by reducing barriers created by local approval processes, zoning and other restrictions

FACT: If less than 10% of a community’s housing stock is affordable, as is the case in Marblehead, it is subject to Chapter 40B of the Massachusetts General Laws

FACT: In 2005, Massachusetts adopted Chapter 40R, allowing municipalities to encourage housing production aligned with “Smart Growth” principles. “Smart Growth” is a principle of land development that strengthens existing communities, creating a range of housing opportunities while preserving natural beauty and critical environmental areas

*The mandate for affordable housing exists…… Help the* ***Marblehead Community Housing Corporation*** *to implement it in an attentive, collaborative approach, utilizing their twenty year history of partnerships*