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**Colorado's Coolest Neighborhood for Pro-active Adults;
Boulder's Silver Sage Village Featured at
NAHB Senior Housing Symposium in Denver May 31**

Boulder, CO – May 23, 2007; Jim Leach is already planning the outdoor barbeques he'll be hosting for his fellow neighbors when he moves into his home this fall in Silver Sage Village, Colorado's first cohousing neighborhood for proactive adults. Leach and his wife Brownie are one of 16 households that are buying a home in the innovative "green" neighborhood whose homes are designed for aging in place - while *aging in community*.

Leach, in addition to being a future resident of Silver Sage Village, is also the developer of the project. On Thursday, May 31, he will wear the developer hat as he presents to fellow builders and development professionals at this year's Senior Housing Symposium sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) in Denver, Colorado. Leach is president of Boulder's Wonderland Hill Development Company, which has developed 20 cohousing communities in the U.S., including 11 completed neighborhoods in Colorado.

"I think Silver Sage is one of our best projects from a design standpoint," said Leach. "The look and feel is vibrant, progressive and sophisticated in an urban setting close to mass transit and three miles north of downtown Boulder. What is unique is how we, the future residents, have connected with one another well ahead of move in and have worked together as a group to make decisions about the project and how much we enjoy each others' company."

He describes the community members as "life-long learners" whose makeup includes retired or retiring university professors, a librarian, an architect, a woodworker/artist, a business consultant, and a former nun. The group has gathered together for two years to give input on the design of the shared indoor and outdoor spaces and the many environmental features of the neighborhood.

Individual homeowners will each have an accessible private home. In addition, members are equal owners in the shared grassy commons area, community garden and the community "Common House." The Common House is one of the unique features in cohousing. It is a two-story accessible 5,000 sq. ft. building which the future residents helped design. Neighbors will enjoy an extensive shared roof top deck with views of the Flatirons. Inside, the Common House will have a gourmet kitchen for occasional group meals, living room, meditation or sitting room, crafts room, and a guest suite that will be available for a resident health care professional.

It is interesting to note that Denver was chosen as the site of this year's annual conference: "Building for Boomers and Beyond: 50+ Housing Symposium." Conference organizers chose Denver in part because of the City's large percentage of boomers. According to the Denver Regional Council of Governments, 30% or 805,000 out of 2.7 million Denver residents were born between 1946 and 1964.

Leach is particularly excited about the outdoor BBQ area which he has taken responsibility for managing for the community. He may be a developer now, but when he moves in he will be trading his hard hat for a chef's hat while preparing one of his favorite dishes for his neighbors - grilled salmon. Move in is scheduled for the fall of 2007 and two homes are still available. You can learn more at www.SilverSageVillage.com or by calling 303-449-3232.