

A Committed Partnership

The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition (CVHC) is an award-winning non-profit housing development corporation dedicated to helping low and very low-income families improve their living conditions through advocacy, research, construction, and operation of housing and community development projects. CVHC has constructed nearly 3,000 homes and apartments for low-income households in Riverside County and Imperial County. In addition, CVHC has developed a variety of resident services for its tenants and the surrounding community.

CVHC was formed in 1982 when local community activists, business leaders, and other individuals came together to do something about the lack of decent housing for farmworkers, and low-income families and individuals in the Coachella Valley. An initial grant of \$10,000 from The Aetna Foundation was obtained, and CVHC's first employee and current Executive Director John F. Mealey was hired.

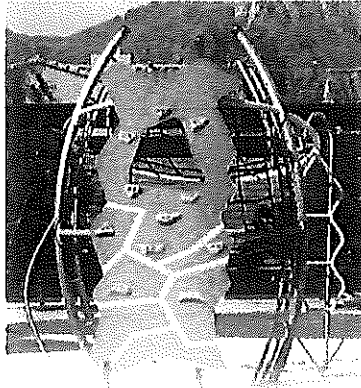
Today, CVHC has built 28 multi-family developments (totaling 2,186 units), including two migrant farmworker facilities, 21 rental homes, and the State's only affordable housing complex built for retired farmworkers. CVHC also has built three special needs complexes, two of which provide independent living for seniors and individuals with mental disabilities, and the third built for persons with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illnesses.

Early in its history, CVHC recognized the need for and benefit of continued project-based community support services. To that end, CVHC sponsors eight childcare centers, five after-school tutoring programs, six computer technology centers, community gardens, discounted swim passes, an annual summer tennis camp, mariachi music lessons, ballet folklorico, English as a Second Language and Citizenship classes, and various other community service programs and activities.

Introducing Wolff Waters Place

Named after La Quinta's first Mayor, Fred Wolff, and socially-minded local businessman, Alan Waters, both former CVHC board members who have since passed away. This 15-acre development, designed by award winning Palm Springs architectural firm, Interactive Design Corporation is Santa Barbara inspired, with its smooth stucco finishes and red tile roofs.

High quality features and finishes make this complex feel more like an expensive resort or condo complex, and residents will enjoy great amenities from a computer lab, playgrounds, a half-basketball court, a community room with a full kitchen,



and swimming pool. The community room features a colorful, fun mural by the artist, Snake Jagger.

Built in partnership with the City of La Quinta, the project is designed to serve the ever-growing housing needs.

Construction is environmentally friendly, with LEED certified aspects to take full advantage of green building methods and incentives.

"It takes a committed City, one that cares about the well being of all of its residents, to support a beautiful and affordable housing development such as Wolff Waters Place," said John F. Mealey, executive director of the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition. "It is an honor to partner with the City of La Quinta to build this development for hard-working local families."

The Coachella Valley Housing Coalition will provide day care services, educational training and service resources such as an ESL program, an after-school program, summer art classes, cultural programs, computer training classes, a parenting skills program, Planned Parenthood, cultural awareness, a homeownership program, and an aquatics program.

Residents of Wolff Waters Place will benefit from services provided directly by CVHC. The complex is owned by the Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, and managed by Hyder Property Management. For information on unit rentals, call (760) 777-6688.




Wolff Waters Apartments



John F. Mealey and Mrs. Kay Wolff


CVHC Maryann Ybarra and Architect Reuel Young



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