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Milwaukee's Lapham Park Venture Chosen as National Role Model

Washington, DC – September 5, 2003 – *Powering the Future: High-Performance Partnerships*, a study prepared by the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) and partially funded by the Annie E. Casey Foundation, cites Milwaukee's Lapham Park Venture project as one of 10 national role models for successful public/private partnerships. Established in 1996, the Lapham Park Venture is a public/nonprofit partnership among gerontology, housing, medical arts and social service experts to provide interdisciplinary care for the residents of Lapham Park, a public housing facility for elderly adults, in order to allow them to comfortably age in place. A copy of the full report can be found at www.napawash.org.

Documented outcomes are extraordinary to date. The number of residents able to age in place has risen to 96%. Those with lease violations who have been able to preserve their tenancy has risen to 91%. And 75% have their health and personal needs met within the facility. At the same time, the Lapham Park Venture has produced more than \$1 million annually in Medicaid nursing home cost savings.

Designed for use by local and state governments, businesses and non-profits, civic organizations and public bodies, the report reflects two years of research and interactive "design labs" that brought together practitioners, citizenry and other key stakeholders to share their knowledge and experience.

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