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Actus Lend Lease Completes Behavioral Health Clinic Renovations ***\$25K Actus Community Fund Grant Supports Soldiers and Local Community***

Fort Drum, NY – November 5, 2008– Samaritan Medical Center and Actus Lend Lease, developer for Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes, proudly unveils the recently renovated Fort Drum / Samaritan Behavioral Health Clinic in Watertown. The clinic provides services for assessment, diagnosis and treatment of behavioral health conditions to active duty Soldiers. Through a grant from the Actus Community Fund, employees from Actus Lend Lease, Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes and local businesses volunteered to revamp the reception area to help create a comfortable, warm atmosphere to facilitate the healing process. The renovations, valued at more than \$25,000, are aimed to set the stage for honest, open dialogue between patients and the professionals who care for them.

"Actus has a long-standing reputation of serving Soldiers, Families and the communities in which it operates. As Soldiers receive the professional care in a nurturing setting conducive to healing, hope is reborn, making stronger Soldiers, Families, communities, Army and nation," states Joseph E. McLaughlin, Project Director, Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes.

Reports indicate that a quarter of Soldiers returning from deployments bring home post-combat adjustment problems. In certain circumstances, if not properly treated, their depression, anxiety, sleeplessness and substance abuse can deeply scar them, their Families and the communities in which they live. To address this and other behavioral health needs, Fort Drum MEDDAC, Samaritan Medical Center and Health Net partnered together to provide a Behavioral Health Clinic in Watertown designated solely for the treatment of Fort Drum Soldiers.

Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes employees volunteered their time and skills including carpentry, electrical, painting, masonry and landscaping to complete the renovations. Several local businesses joined in the effort by donating product and services. Major partners include Lakeview Lawn and Landscaping Inc., Sherwin Williams of Watertown, Davis Heating and Plumbing, P&B Flooring. Other businesses provided discounts and expertise including Big Apple Music, City Electric, White's Lumber of Watertown and Scott Carpenter Masonry.

"On behalf of the staff, patients and family members of the Fort Drum/Samaritan Behavioral Health Clinic, we extend a heartfelt thank you to Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes, Actus Community Fund, and all of the volunteers and contractors who contributed to the renovations. The new reception area and lobby have been transformed to truly make the Soldiers and their families feel welcome and comfortable in an environment that is conducive to their healing process. We are grateful to everyone involved in these renovations for their generosity and support of our efforts to serve the healthcare needs of the men and women who so bravely serve our country and protect our freedom," states Thomas H. Carman, President and CEO, Samaritan Medical Center.

The Fort Drum / Samaritan Behavioral Health Clinic, located at 165 Coleman Ave., provides behavioral health services along with alcohol and substance abuse counseling to active duty military with the help of full-time psychiatrists, social workers and a psychologist. Since opening June 9, 2008, the facility has received 2,552 attended appointments. Open 7:30 – 4:30 Monday through Friday, the clinic now averages 175 appointments a week. Soldiers do not require a referral to receive treatment. For more information about the Fort Drum / Samaritan Behavioral Health Clinic, please contact the appointment line.

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About Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes

Fort Drum Mountain Community Homes, LLC is a partnership created between the Department of the Army and Actus Lend Lease, LLC (Actus) through the Military Housing Privatization Initiative. Mountain Community Homes involves the development of 1399 new three, four and five bedroom homes, four state-of-the-art community centers and the renovation of all 2,272 existing homes during the initial development period. The project also involves the construction and management of The Timbers, a 192 unit, one and two bedroom, suite-styled apartment community for unaccompanied Soldiers. Mountain Community Homes finances, develops, builds, renovates and operates all on-post housing at Fort Drum for 50 years. Excelling at large, complex development projects, Actus Lend Lease works with institutional owners to create value and deliver exceptional returns. With more than 40,000 homes in its portfolio, Actus Lend Lease has created and built sustainable, integrated communities on some of the nation's largest military bases. Among these are: Army Hawaii, Oahu, Hawaii; Beaufort, South Carolina; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. Actus, headquartered in Nashville, TN, is a subsidiary of the Lend Lease global family. Actus Lend Lease employs more than 500 people.