The Rural Development staff in Kentucky often have the privilege of breaking ground on projects such as water and sewer infrastructure, business development, housing and community-based projects. All are notable and instrumental in enhancing the quality of life and improving economic opportunities. This was especially true in June 2015, when Rural Development joined Christian Care Communities, a Christian-based non-profit in Louisville, to celebrate the grand opening of an elder care facility that broke new ground and brought an innovative approach to caring for seniors in the historic town of Midway. The Homeplace at Midway is revolutionary in its design and function. Christian Care Communities has brought this “unique living design” for independent living to Kentucky. Although the Green House® model was established a decade ago, it will be the first such assisted living center in Kentucky. This innovative concept provides residents with the independence and versatility in carrying out their daily lives as if they were still at home.

The concept of the community is to provide four primary residences that can house up to 12 residents each. Two of the cottages offer skilled nursing care for short-term rehabilitation or long-term care; another cares for individuals with Alzheimer’s or dementia; and one cottage is for assisted living residents who need periodic assistance with daily living activities.

Dr. Keith Knapp, president and chief executive officer of Christian Care Communities said his vision was to create small households of care, noting that the Homeplace at Midway will be a radical departure from traditional nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Moreover, older adults can receive the highest quality medical care and personal support in daily living activities without feeling their lives are being disrupted or overtaken. Homeplace at Midway also will provide students of Midway College’s nursing program – which is conveniently located across the street – with a place to gain practicable nursing skills in a real-time environment.

Another outstanding element of this project is the people and organizations who provided the financial commitment to allow the Homeplace at Midway to become reality. It will be a great place to call home for residents of Woodford County and neighboring communities.

Local, state and federal officials participate in a ribbon cutting to highlight completion of a new assisted living facility in Midway, Ky., on June 25, 2015.

**Homeplace at Midway Unveils Green House Assisted Living Facility**

**Obligation Amount:** $11.4 million Community Facilities Direct Loan  
**Date of Obligation:** June 2012  
**Congressional District:** Rep. Andy Barr (KY-6); Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul  
**Partners:** Christian Care Communities, Midway University, State of Kentucky (CDBG)  
**Demographics:** Woodford County  
**Impact:** More than 500 individuals, several foundations, and corporate organizations partnered with the City of Midway, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and USDA Rural Development to make this project a reality for the people of Woodford County.