



## For Immediate Release



### **GRAND OPENING CEREMONY FOR THE FARM LABOR CENTER** **AT 439 BENITO STREET, SOLEDAD, CA**



The Housing Authority of the City of Soledad (HACS) in collaboration with the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey (HACM), announce the Grand Opening ceremony for the Benito Street Farm Labor Center to be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at 10:30am. The Farm Labor Center is a site with valuable history. In the 1940's it was a prisoners' camp. In the 1950's, The Public Housing Administration, transferred the land to the Housing Authority of Soledad. In the late 50's The Housing Authority of Soledad started housing families and single farm workers and now continues to serve the farm worker community of the Salinas Valley under the USDA housing program.

The funding for this development has been made possible by various entities including the City of Soledad, Rural Development (USDA), HOME, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, Tax Exempt Bonds.

County Supervisor Simon Salinas, Assemblywoman Anna Caballero, Mayor of Soledad Richard Ortiz and other local officials will be on hand to witness the rebirth of this historic land located in the bountiful Salinas Valley. The event will highlight music, food and the formal grand opening ceremony.

This ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Benito Street Affordable Ground Breaking Celebration. For more information please contact Kimmy Nguyen with the Housing Authority of the County of Monterey at 831-796-4661. All media is welcome to attend.