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## **Harborlight Community Partners' Book Donation Container at Crosby's Market Helps Support Affordable Housing Efforts**

*Repurpose Used Books, CDs, DVDs and Video Games to Support  
Affordable Housing and Services*

**Hamilton, Mass., April 20, 2011** – Harborlight Community Partners, a growing non-profit affordable housing operator and developer on the North Shore, is raising money through donations of new and gently used books, CDs, DVDs, and video games. The organization has recently placed a drop-off donation container in Crosby's Market parking lot, at The Shoppes at Hamilton Crossing on Walnut Street, to collect these items from community members who would like to repurpose their used goods while also helping a good cause.

Harborlight Community Partners provides housing and services primarily for low and moderate income people living in southern Essex County, and will soon be starting renovation on the Willow Street Firehouse Place project. This is the Town of Hamilton's first Community Preservation Fund supported affordable project and will include four affordable rental units and a permanent home to the Acord Food Pantry.

"Our book donation program is a way for communities to not only feel good about participating in a green initiative to repurpose unused books, it also provides opportunity to support local affordable housing programs for people who live in our communities," says Andrew DeFranza, Executive Director of Harborlight Community Partners. "The work to provide decent, safe, service enriched affordable housing really is a community effort."

Harborlight Community Partners currently operates over 250 units of affordable senior housing including Turtle Creek, Turtle Woods, and Harborlight House elderly housing in Beverly, Whipple Riverview Place in Ipswich, and two homes in Peabody.

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### **About Harborlight Community Partners, Inc.**

Harborlight Community Partners (HCP) is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization that provides a wide range of housing with services primarily for low and moderate income people living in Southern Essex County. HCP provides single, family and elder housing and assisted living in a variety of communities. By anticipating the housing needs of the region's increasing underserved population and creating, preserving and operating safe, affordable housing units and supportive services, Harborlight Community Partners, Inc. strives to make homes available to all North Shore citizens, regardless of means. For more information, visit [www.harborlightcp.org](http://www.harborlightcp.org).