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The Orchards Named *Land-Lease Community of the Year Over 150 Sites (Mid-West)*

(Arlington, Va. – April 14, 2004) The Orchards has received the Manufactured Housing Institute's (MHI) National Industry Award for "Land-Lease Community of the Year Over 150 Sites (Mid-West)." The award was presented today during the 2004 National Congress and Expo for Manufactured and Modular Housing, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

"The Orchards has been honored for their excellence in community planning, design, maintenance and management. With their innovative thinking and extraordinary dedication they have promoted a positive image for the industry and demonstrated the industry's true potential. We are proud of their many accomplishments," said Chris Stinebert, president of MHI.

The Orchards, located in Carleton, Mich., was built with the goal of catering to individuals who are seeking the economic benefits of traditional home ownership, but who want to minimize the burden of time-consuming maintenance. The Orchards is dedicated to the idea that manufactured home living can be the best of all worlds – both enjoyable and affordable.

In an exceptional setting near Lake Erie, The Orchards offers new multi-section manufactured homes on homesites complete with concrete driveway capable of accommodating three vehicles. A country-club style clubhouse offers a fireside great room, large banquet room and kitchen facilities for entertaining. Residents can host wedding receptions, baby showers, family reunions or a graduation celebration in the luxurious clubhouse at no charge. A community swimming pool with sundeck and a planned children's play area add to the leisure and recreational activities available to residents. Residents look forward to activities hosted by the community's staff such as resident dinners and pool parties.

Home prices range from \$30,000 to \$94,000 and homesite rents begin at \$319 per month. The Orchards has become one of the most desirable manufactured home communities in the area by maintaining the highest community standards and providing unequalled customer service.

The National Industry Awards are presented annually. Entries submitted for awards in the Community of the Year category were judged by an independent panel of professionals within the planning, community development, realtor and homebuilding professions.

MHI is the national trade organization representing all segments of the manufactured and modular housing industries including manufacturers, retailers, community owners, suppliers, financial institutions, state associations and developers.

For more information about this award winning community call 734-782-0268 or visit www.theorchardscommunity.com.

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