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## Donatelli Development, Committed to Accessible Housing-- Becomes Newest Member of Equal Rights Center's Multifamily Housing Resource Program

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 6, 2010– Today the [Equal Rights Center](http://www.equalrightscenter.org) (ERC)—a national non-profit civil rights organization— announced that [Donatelli Development](http://www.donatelli.com) will become the newest member of the ERC's [Multifamily Housing Resource Program](http://www.equalrightscenter.org) (MHRP), making a 10-year commitment to the program.

“The Equal Rights Center is proud to welcome Donatelli to our growing Multifamily Housing Resource Program family,” said ERC Executive Director, Don Kahl. “It is an honor to have this company and its leadership express such a clear commitment to accessible housing for people with disabilities. As a result of Donatelli’s progressive attitudes and their work with the MHRP, many more families in the greater Washington, D.C. area will have the opportunity to live in more accessible housing.”

The MHRP is a proactive collaboration between the ERC and housing developers to increase the number of residential housing units in the United States that are accessible to persons with disabilities, and to enhance housing industry compliance with federal state and local accessibility laws through the use of best practices, employee training, and collaboration with disability advocates. In addition to its 10-year commitment to the MHRP, Donatelli has committed to training employees with respect to fair housing and accessibility issues, and to addressing existing accessibility issues at its properties.

Today, the MHRP works with developers who own tens of thousands of apartments across the nation to address housing accessibility issues in a proactive way. Donatelli joins other major multifamily developers, including AvalonBay Communities, Bozzuto Group, Camden Property Trust, Kettler, and Trammell Crow Residential in multi-year commitments to proactively work with the ERC to improve and ensure accessibility in housing through MHRP membership.

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**About the Equal Rights Center ([www.equalrightscenter.org](http://www.equalrightscenter.org))**

Originally formed in 1983, the Equal Rights Center (ERC) is a national non-profit civil rights organization based in Washington, D.C. With members located in 33 states and the District of Columbia, the ERC works nationally to promote equal opportunity in housing, employment, disability rights, immigrant rights, and access to public accommodations and government services for all protected classes under federal, state, and local laws.

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