

For Immediate Release

Ashley White, Equal Rights Center, 202.370.3204 awhite@equalrightscenter.org

The Bozzuto Group Becomes Newest Member of Equal Rights Center's Multifamily Housing Resource Program

WASHINGTON, D.C., May 17, 2010– Today the <u>Equal Rights Center</u> (ERC)—a national non-profit civil rights organization— announced that <u>The Bozzuto Group</u> will become the newest member of the ERC's <u>Multifamily Housing Resource Program</u> (MHRP), making a 10-year commitment to the program.

"The Equal Rights Center is delighted to welcome The Bozzuto Group to our growing Multifamily Housing Resource Program family," said ERC Executive Director, Don Kahl. "It is an honor to have the company and its leadership express such a firm commitment to solving accessibility issues. As a result of their membership, thousands more families 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, Bozzuto will continue its commitment to training employees with respect to fair housing and accessibility issues.

"Bozzuto is proud to become a member of the Equal Rights Center's Multifamily Housing Resource Program," said Tom Bozzuto, CEO of The Bozzuto Group. "It is even more fitting given that this year we celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Since our inception more than 20 years ago, The Bozzuto Group has been committed to the notion that all of our nation's citizens should have access to quality housing."

Today, the MHRP works with developers who own hundreds of apartment properties across the nation to address housing accessibility issues in a proactive way. Bozzuto joins other major multifamily companies, including AvalonBay, 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.

equal opportunity in housing, employment, disability rights, immigrant rights, government services for all protected classes under federal, state, and local laws.	and access to public accommodations and