

## Castle Helps Open Charleston Place, New Elderly Living Complex with Interesting History -- January 9

Seaford, D.E. -- Delaware Congressman Mike Castle joined Marlene Elliott of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development office for the Grand Opening of Charleston Place, an old sewing factory that has been restored into an elderly living complex. The property, restored by Better Homes of Seaford, will now provide 11 affordable apartments to elderly residents of the area. Total funding for the project of \$ 1,512,749 was provided by the USDA Rural Development office, the Delaware State Housing Authority and local banks.

"I am pleased that these eleven new affordable apartments will be available for elderly residents in the area, especially in a building with such an interesting history. Based on old newspapers found in the walls during restoration, it is estimated that this former sewing factory was probably constructed in the 1940's. I would like to congratulate the new tenants on their beautiful new residence who will be moving into Charleston Place. And I would like to thank USDA, Better Homes of Seaford and all our other partners here for once again providing a beautiful place to live for fellow Delawareans," Castle said.

Occupancy of the eleven units is expected to begin February 1, 2006. The last known tenant of the building was Kim Manufacturing, a shirt factory from 1993 to 1996.