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**Eden Prairie Mayor to Visit Hammer
Residences' Lake Place Apartments on August 12**
*Hammer provides residential services to 39 adults
with developmental disabilities in Eden Prairie*

WAYZATA (August 5, 2013) – [Hammer Residences, Inc.](http://www.hammerresidences.com), a popular nonprofit serving adults and children with developmental disabilities throughout the Twin Cities and celebrating 90 years in 2013, will welcome Eden Prairie Mayor Nancy Tyra-Lukens to its Lake Place apartment program (11445 Anderson Lakes Parkway) at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12.

Lake Place is one of three Hammer apartment programs in Eden Prairie. A total of 39 residents live at these apartment programs which include: Broadmoor (opened in 2008), Lake Place (2010) and Eden Place (2011). Hammer residents lead busy lives and support the Eden Prairie community at high school activities, sporting events and by working at local businesses. Mayor Tyra-Lukens' visit will give Lake Place residents the chance to demonstrate their independence and to share information about the support services they receive through Hammer and in Eden Prairie. Individuals live in their own single apartment or share a two-bedroom apartment based on their needs.

"Our apartment program has allowed many adults to experience true independence – with the right support – for the first time in their lives," said Jay Butler, Program Director for Eden Prairie.

In May, Hammer Residences was selected by the city of Eden Prairie's Human Rights and Diversity Commission for a Human Rights award for their "...dedication to upholding the rights of every individual to freedom, dignity and security regardless of physical and mental abilities."

About Hammer Residences, Inc. Since opening its doors in 1923, Hammer Residences has provided quality services for adults and children with developmental disabilities. Founder Alvina Hammer believed that individuals with disabilities had the right to lead full lives in a loving atmosphere where they would feel secure and develop self-confidence. This business model was in direct contrast to the prevailing large institutional settings of the day. Today, Hammer Residences

provides residential and customized support services, including In-Home Support; Support Planning; Case Management; and Medica Care Coordination to nearly 1300 people throughout the Twin Cities. For more information, please visit www.hammer.org.

Editor's note: Media are welcome to join us for photo opportunities and to interview the Mayor and individuals supported by Hammer. For tours of our Eden Prairie apartment complexes, please contact Jay Butler at 952-277-2437. Media with additional inquiries are encouraged to call or email Tony Baisley at 952-277-2448 or tony@hammer.org.

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