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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES' VILLANOVA APARTMENT
COMPLEX HOSTS THANKSGIVING DINNER FOR
RESIDENTS**

LAWTON (NOV. 30, 2009) -- With the country facing record unemployment and ongoing financial crisis, Thanksgiving dinner is an unattainable luxury for many this holiday season. But for the residents of the Villanova Apartment complex in Lawton, it was a gift provided by Catholic Charities and Gorman management as more than 60 residents gathered together to celebrate the season over a traditional Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings.

Residents remarked, "It was so thoughtful of them to do this, because some of us can't afford to have Thanksgiving this year." "The food was great, and I liked the option of having two different times to eat because it meant everybody had the opportunity to come."

Villanova Apartments are a "green" renovation project sponsored by Catholic Charities. The cornerstone of the Lawton Revitalization Zone, Villanova offers Section 8 family housing for people of all faiths. With the creation of Villanova, Catholic Charities continues its commitment to helping develop a supportive, community environment by offering monthly classes for residents.

"We wanted to communicate how much we appreciate our residents and thought a Thanksgiving tenant dinner was a great way to make a positive difference," said Pauline Harris, Resource Coordinator of the Catholic Charities' Lawton office. The dinner included turkey, ham, green beans, potatoes and dessert. Door prizes were given to three lucky attendants.

For more information about the Villanova Apartments, please visit www.catholiccharitiesok.org.