In 2006, Self-Help Enterprises received the Fresno Bee’s Central Valley Excellence in Business Award in the Charitable/Non-profit category and was recognized as Business of the Year by the Tulare County Hispanic Roundtable.

In Memoriam - Everett S. Krackov and Donald M. Hillman

In 2006, we lost two local legends and affordable housing pioneers. Early supporters of SHE, Everett S. Krackov and Donald M. Hillman were eulogized by many friends and family. Everett died on September 29th and Don died on October 19th of 2006. We will miss them both greatly and offer our deepest condolences to their families.

Among their many other endeavors and community service efforts, Everett was founder and director of the Tulare County Community Action Agency in the 1960s and Don was a member of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors for two decades.

Both men were principled leaders who were as idealistic in their outlooks on life and as they were practical in their approaches to meeting human needs. Their spirits and talents improved Tulare County in innumerable ways. Self-Help Enterprises benefited greatly from their guidance and friendship.
Priscella Elenes and her 5-year-old son lived with family members before moving into their new home in Lindsay last February. “It’s good that Self-Help Enterprises helps out low-income people,” Elenes said recently.

Elenes said that for almost 12 months, she worked with 10 other families who helped build each others’ houses in Lindsay. “It’s all 11 houses at the same time,” she emphasized. “You’re not just helping build one house.”

Elenes initially worried that she would not be able to participate because she was a single mother. But, she soon learned that the issue was labor, not family status. She was able to meet her labor requirement by getting help from friends and family. She also discovered muscles that she never knew she had, but said that she was willing to make the sacrifices needed to provide a home for her son. Elenes called Self-Help Enterprises at Thanksgiving to announce that she was being promoted to a manager position and to say “thank you” for giving her an opportunity to become a homeowner.
Working to Better Serve Families

Our role is to provide assistance to families who need home repairs; assistance to first-time home buyers; and grant management for our partner jurisdictions. Improving services for our families and partners has required continuous innovation. During the past year, we have streamlined processes to better serve participants and partners.

• Prepared three-year (vs. one-year) grant applications. This resulted in reducing three separate grant applications down to one per partner and secured $1.5 million in funding as compared to the $500,000 previously allotted to partners under the one-year cycle.

• Developed a contract that combined nine separate grant management contracts with our partners into one contract for a three-year period.

• Developed a single format for program guidelines.

• Expanded loan portfolio management services to 9 partners with a total loan portfolio of over 900 loans.

• Worked with local architects to design modest and attractive house plans that will secure rapid approval of building departments valley wide.

It has been a busy, productive year and we look forward to continuing our efforts to improve service delivery to participants and our partners. SHE is staffed & ready to meet the challenges facing today’s low-income homebuyers & homeowners, as well as better serve and support our city and county partners’ housing programs.

Home Improvements
Fresno County ........................................... 4
Kern County........................................... 2
Kings County........................................... 19
Madera County........................................ 8
Merced County........................................ 7
Stanislaus County ................................... 5
Tulare County.......................................... 35
TOTAL.................................................... 80

Homeownership Assistance
Fresno County ........................................... 16
Kern County........................................... 5
Kings County........................................... 21
Madera County........................................ 1
Merced County........................................ 14
Tulare County.......................................... 30
TOTAL.................................................... 87

Funding for Valley Communities
12 Grants  Totaling $8.15 million
2006 Multi-Family Development and Asset Management

New Projects Opened in 2006
Bear Creek (expansion) - Planada, CA ........... 28 units
Sand Creek - Orosi, CA .................................. 60 units
Washington Plaza - Earlimart, CA ............... 44 units
TOTAL NEW RENTAL UNITS 132 units
Total Rental Residences - 978 at 19 locations

Construction Starts in 2006
Lincoln Plaza - Hanford, CA ......................... 40 units
(Projected completion - August 2007)
Biola Village - Biola, CA ............................... 44 units
(Projected completion - July 2007)

Programs for Families and Children

Existing Programs:
• After-School Program
• Computer Lab with Computer Training Classes
• English as a Second Language (ESL)
• Neighborhood Watch
• Health and Safety Fairs
• AA Meetings
• Family Literacy
• Summer Lunch Program

Partnerships:
• HomeBase Education Program
• Headstart and Latch-Key Pre-School
• Homebuyer Education
• Camp Fire Boys and Girls Club
• Field Trips
• Business Education Workshops
• Toys For Tots

New Staffing Helped Grow Resident Service Activities
• Community Action Partnership of Kern
• Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District
• Madera County Community Action Agency
• Tulare County Office of Education
• FoodLink
• United Farm Workers Service Center
2006 Community Development Milestones

Fresno County
First community water system built in Raisin City, including well, storage tank and distribution lines (60 connections, 270 people)

Kern County
- Water line construction was completed in the mountain community of Frazier Park (1,300 connections, 2,834 people)
- Rancho Seco waterline construction project completed (31 connections, 50 people)
- With full funding secured, engineering design began on the Rexland Acres community sewer project (688 connections, 2,872 people)

Tulare County
- Funding from state and federal sources secured for critical water system improvements in Plainview (200 connections, 900 people)
- Over $4 million in federal and state funds committed for Pixley community sewer improvements (700 connections, 2,600 people)
- Funding approved for water system improvements in Tooleville (77 connections, 320 people)

The purpose of Self-Help Enterprises is to assist low-income families of the San Joaquin Valley to improve their living conditions.

As indicated by the name of our organization, it is the guiding philosophy of Self-Help Enterprises to work with, rather than for, individuals in their efforts to improve their living conditions and their communities.

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**SHE Total Completions**  
(As of Dec. 31, 2006)  
New Housing...............5,513  
Rehabilitation...............5,499  
Sewer & Water.............20,862  
Multifamily Housing......875  
Homebuyer..................1,051

**SHE 2006 Production at a Glance**  
New Housing............... 154  
Rehabilitation............... 80  
Sewer & Water............. 1,946  
Multifamily Housing...... 132  
Homebuyer.................. 87