



## **John helps mark 5,000<sup>th</sup> home milestone**

It was celebrations all round when pensioner John Blades moved into his new home in Gainsborough. It was not only a celebration for him but for housing association, Acis too. For it marked the building of Acis' 500<sup>th</sup> new home and brought the total number of homes owned by the association to 5,000.

As Mr Blades moved into his new home on John Jenkinson Close, Acis presented him with a big hamper as a special housewarming gift.

"It was lovely to welcome Mr Blades to his brand new bungalow," said Chief Executive of Acis, Valerie Waby. "It was time for a double celebration as it also meant that we had reached an important milestone too. We now have 5,000 homes across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire. This new development is right at the heart of the community and demonstrates our commitment to providing high quality, affordable homes to our customers. "

Mr Blades, who gets 2009 off to a great new start, had lived in his previous Acis home for 38 years.

As a registered social landlord, Acis own and manage properties for affordable rent across three counties. Properties range from large families homes and flats to bungalows. It also provides low cost homes for shared ownership. Last month they announced that they were to create 74 new homes in Gainsborough in 2009.

Thanks to £3million funding from the Homes and Communities Agency, along with a further £4.5million investment from housing association Acis, new homes will be built on land belonging to Acis at Park Springs.