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2016 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendars Ready for Shipping

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 18, 2015 — The 2016 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Drug-Free Kids Calendars have arrived at the mail house and staff has been busy processing the first round of orders. Have you ordered your one-of-a-kind calendar yet? Now is the perfect time to purchase one—or more—by visiting the [Online Store](http://www.nahma.org) at www.nahma.org. The 2015 edition was so popular, it sold out. The cost is \$5.50 per calendar, which is a Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture allowable project expense.

The [calendars](#) feature outstanding original artwork by children, seniors and adults with special needs living in affordable multifamily housing. This year's contest celebrated community spirit with its theme and subtheme, Our Hands Are United: Reach Out and Be a Good Neighbor.

Stephanie Vázquez Collazo, a 12th-grader from Manatí, Puerto Rico, has been named the grand prizewinner in the 29th annual poster and art contest. Her artwork appears on the cover of NAHMA's 2016 calendar. Stephanie, 18, also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for NAHMA's Regulatory Issues fall meeting in October, as well as a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation. To see the complete list of winners, visit <http://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/calendar-contest/>.

Nearly 5,000 eligible children, elderly/disabled and residents with special needs participated in the nationwide contest. Each child winner of the NAHMA contest receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the foundation. A \$1,000 cash award is made in the name of the adult winners to their community for use in purchasing or funding a project from which all of the community's residents will benefit. All winners are also featured in the 2016 calendar.

Additionally, participants in the annual art contests held by the local Affordable Housing Management Associations (AHMAs) are eligible to be selected as Regional AHMA Art Contest Honorable Mentions. Those selected for this distinction are featured in a special section of the NAHMA 2016 Drug-Free Kids calendar and receive a \$100 scholarship check.

For the contest, the artwork is divided into six categories with winners selected from each of the following: kindergarten-first grade, second-third grades, fourth-sixth grades, seventh-ninth grades, 10th-12th grades, and seniors and residents with special needs. Only students are eligible for the grand prize.

For a sneak preview of the artwork in this year's calendar, visit <http://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/calendar-contest/current-winners/>.

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing management, advocating on behalf of multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent

and safe affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information and fosters strategic relations between government and industry. Founded in 1990, NAHMA's membership today includes the industry's most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit www.nahma.org for more information.

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