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## Be One of the First to Own the 2017 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar

*Alexandria, Va., Sept. 8, 2016* — Preorder your 2017 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Drug-Free Kids Calendar now by visiting the [Online Store](#) at [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org). The calendars will begin shipping in mid-September. 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 tackled an important issue in many people's lives with the theme, Words That Heal: Stop Bullying, Spread Kindness.

Winnie Mei, a 10th-grader from Brighton, Mass., has been named the grand prizewinner in the annual poster and art contest. Her artwork appears on the cover of NAHMA's 2017 calendar. Winnie, 16, 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.

Nearly 5,000 eligible children, senior 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 NAHMA Educational 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 2017 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 2017 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar and receive a \$100 educational scholarship.

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

The following lists this year's national program winners, with their ages, grade/category, community where they live, management company and name of the AHMA that submitted their artwork:

### GRAND PRIZEWINNER

- Winnie Mei, 16, 10th grade; Charlesview Residences, Brighton, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA

### NATIONAL WINNERS

- Anya Baker, 12, sixth grade; NIA/Amity Heights Apartments, Bridgeton, N.J.; Interstate Realty Management Company; JAHMA
- Natalia Espinosa, 8, third grade; Cornerstone at Japantown, San Jose, Calif.; EAH Housing Inc.; AHMA-NCH
- Eli Frost, 6, kindergarten; Alco Apartments, Scottsville, Ky.; Alco Management Inc.; SAHMA
- Zy'Erica Haynes, 16, 10th grade; NIA/Amity Heights Apartments, Bridgeton, N.J.; Interstate Realty Management Company; JAHMA
- Yusuf Ibrahim, 8, third grade; Charlesview Residences, Brighton, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- J. Johnson, 13, eighth grade; Pittsburgh, Penn.; McCormack Baron Management Services; PAHMA
- Anthony Keshishyan, 11, fifth grade; Gardens on Garfield, Glendale, Calif.; Thomas Safran & Associates; AHMA-PSW
- Jessica Lauzon, 13, seventh grade; Bay Village, Fall River, Mass.; First Realty Management Corp.; NEAHMA
- Alondra Marrero, 6, kindergarten; Pelham Apartments, Framingham, Mass.; Corcoran Management Company Inc.; NEAHMA
- Jean Mistretta, 73, senior; Linwood Mill, Whitinsville, Mass.; Peabody Properties Inc.; NEAHMA
- Elizabeth Prieto, 15, eighth grade; Southpark Apartments, Columbus, Ohio; American Apartment Management; MAHMA
- Alton Stuckey, 45, special needs; Spring Villa Apartments, North Providence, R.I.; WinnResidential; NEAHMA
- Jeziel Vázquez Collazo, 12, sixth grade; Villas de Manatí, Manatí, Puerto Rico; Martinal Management Corp.; SAHMA

#### **HONORABLE MENTIONS**

- Adyiah Burnaby, 17, 11th grade; Council Groves Apartments, Missoula, Mont.; Tamarack Property Management Company; Rocky AHMA
- Ciondra Craig, 12, seventh grade; Winnsboro Arms, Winnsboro, S.C.; Southern Development Management Company Inc.; SAHMA
- Juanita Gallegos, 44, special needs; Country Club Village Apartments, San Antonio, Texas; Prospera Housing & Community Services; SWAHMA
- Savorahan Powell, 65, senior; Opportunities Towers I & II, Philadelphia, Penn.; Community Realty Management; PennDel AHMA
- Dimfred Rodriguez, 15, ninth grade; Marie Gardens Apartments, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico; Fernando L. Sumaza & Co. Inc.; SAHMA
- Bette Shapiro, 71, senior; Ocean Park Villas, Santa Monica, Calif.; G&K Management Company; AHMA-PSW
- Tracy Smith, 53, special needs; Stonecroft Apartments, Hagerstown, Md.; Interstate Realty Management Company; Mid-Atlantic AHMA

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