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## Welcome in 2017 with a NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar

*Alexandria, Va., Dec. 8, 2016* — There are only three weeks left in 2016, and the 2017 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Drug-Free Kids calendars are disappearing just as fast. [Order](#) your calendar online today to guarantee your copy and be all set to welcome in the new year.

Now is the perfect time to purchase one—or more—by visiting the [Online Store](#) at [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org). 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 have sold out the last two years. They also make great gifts for staff and residents.

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 subtheme, 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 received 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 complete list of winners and a sneak preview of their artwork can be found on the [Current Winners](#) webpage under the Awards & Contests tab.

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](http://www.nahma.org) for more information.

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