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NAHMA Educational Foundation Announces 2017 Fundraising Campaign Kickoff

Alexandria, Va., July 11, 2017 — The board of the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Educational Foundation announces the official start of its 2017 fundraising campaign and is issuing a challenge to break sponsorship records for its annual gala event, which raises funds for scholarships for residents of affordable housing. The gala serves as the primary public fundraising event for the foundation. For a complete listing of available sponsorship opportunities, visit https://www.nahma.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/NAHMA-Educational-Foundation-Inspire-Gala-2017.pdf.

To kick off the campaign, Navigate Affordable Housing Partners has made a \$250,000 endowment donation while the Housing Affordability Trust has contributed a \$100,000 endowment donation. The two organizations are challenging all other foundation donors to match these funds by raising a total of \$350,000 in sponsorships.

"On behalf of the foundation, we thank each and every one of our donors for their support," Melissa Fish-Crane, chair of the foundation board of directors, said. "Since its inception, the <u>NAHMA Educational</u> <u>Foundation</u> has awarded more than 500 scholarships, totaling nearly \$1 million of educational support for our residents. As we move into 2018, we look forward to partnering with our generous supporters and further extending the positive and lasting impact of this program."

The foundation will wrap up the 2017 campaign by celebrating education with a gala and live auction at the W Washington D.C. Hotel, Oct. 23, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. There are a number of <u>sponsorship packages</u> for every budget, including a new opportunity to "Follow the Scholar," which offers the donor a chance to get to know the specific recipient of their scholarship.

For more information regarding sponsorships and tickets, contact Megan Davidson, event chair, 206-262-4375 or <u>Megan.Davidson@propelinsurance.com</u>.

The NAHMA Educational Foundation is organized and operated exclusively as a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Founded in October 1994, the NAHMA Educational Foundation works to assist residents of federally subsidized housing as they strive to enhance their lives, job opportunities and children's futures. Its mission is also to enhance the livability and standing of communities managed by NAHMA member companies nationwide. For more information, visit http://www.nahma.org/about/educational-foundation.

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