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NAHMA Educational Foundation Honors Navigate Affordable Housing Partners

Alexandria, Va., July 27, 2017 — The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Educational Foundation will be honoring Navigate Affordable Housing Partners with the 2017 Inspiration Award at its annual gala in October. The award recognizes individuals or organizations for their longtime commitment to the advancement of educational opportunities for those working within the affordable housing industry and the residents they serve.

"Navigate Affordable Housing Partners and the Housing Affordability Trust are proud to partner with the NAHMA Educational Foundation. The goal has always been to improve the quality of lives of those we all serve in affordable housing. Congratulations to all those involved including volunteer board members, staff and other donors, for the tremendous success that has been achieved," Eric Q. Strong, Navigate Affordable Housing Partners CEO, said.

Navigate, headquartered in Birmingham, Ala., is being honored for its commitment to the foundation's scholarship program including the company's contribution of \$950,000 worth of endowments over the last 10 years.

"Navigate Affordable Housing Partners' unwavering commitment to developing the next generation through education, is evidenced through their steadfast support of the NAHMA Educational Foundation. Thanks to the endowments made by Navigate, first as a seed endowment at the inception of the program and another sustaining donation of \$250,000 this past May, we have created a strong financial legacy that will benefit so many recipients in the years to come. It goes without saying that the foundation is truly grateful for their continued support!" Melissa Fish-Crane, NAHMA Educational Foundation chair, said.

In selecting an Inspiration Award winner, the foundation board considers the nominee's accomplishments in promoting education including training and recognition programs for employees, active participation in organizations promoting scholarship and furthering education, development of regional or national awareness campaigns or programs, and promotion or development of industry certification and training programs.

The 2017 Inspiration Award will be presented during the foundation's annual gala, Oct. 23, at the W Washington D.C. Hotel. The benefit serves as the primary public annual fundraising event for the NAHMA Educational Foundation's scholarship fund. The celebration also features the annual calendar contest poster auction and an opportunity to network with industry leaders.

<u>Sponsorships</u> and tickets are available for the NAHMA Educational Foundation's annual dinner event to raise funding for scholarships for residents of affordable housing. For a complete listing of opportunities available, visit https://www.nahma.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/NAHMA-Educational-Foundation-Inspire-Gala-2017.pdf. The deadline to ensure placement in the dinner program is Oct. 6. For more

information regarding sponsorships and tickets, contact Megan Davidson, event chair, 206-262-4375 or Megan.Davidson@propelinsurance.com.

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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