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NAHMA Educational Foundation Honors Wayne Fox and Jim McGrath

Alexandria, Va., Aug. 1, 2018 — The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) [Educational Foundation](#) will be honoring Wayne Fox, president, Realty Management Associates Inc., and James McGrath, chairman, PRD Management Inc., with the 2018 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.

“As a provider of affordable housing, I feel strongly about giving people an opportunity to improve their lives. A scholarship is another way of helping and my involvement with the foundation is a natural extension of what I believe in. I am truly honored to receive the NAHMA Educational Foundation Inspiration Award,” McGrath said.

“I continue to recognize the importance of getting a good education,” Fox said.

Fox and McGrath are longtime NAHMA members who served on the foundation’s board of directors for many years, including presiding as chair and vice chair, respectively, from 2007-2014. Under their leadership, the foundation held its first major fundraiser, a boat cruise in 2012 in Boston to coincide with NAHMA’s summer meeting that year.

“The recipients of this year’s NAHMA Educational Foundation Inspiration Award—Wayne Fox and Jim McGrath—have shown an unwavering commitment to our collective goal of developing the next generation through education. Their combined efforts have made lasting, positive impacts on the steady and continued growth of the foundation. We look forward to building upon Wayne and Jim’s shared accomplishments for many years to come and we are truly grateful for their selfless dedication to the success of the program!” 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 2018 Inspiration Award will be presented during the foundation’s annual Inspire Gala, A Future of Hope, at the Mansion on O Street, Oct. 22. 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, which includes the chance to bid on unique experiences and jewelry, and an opportunity to network with industry leaders.

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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