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Artists Speak the Language of Love in the 2021 NAHMA Drug-Free Calendar

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 23, 2020 — Sweater weather is coming and so is a new year. The 2021 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Drug-Free Kids Calendar's original artwork can make you feel all warm and fuzzy on the inside. Be one of the first to own this collector's item by downloading the [order form](#) and sending it in today. The calendars will begin shipping in late September. The calendar cost is \$5.50 each, which is a Department of Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Department of Agriculture allowable project expense.

[Purchase](#) calendars before Nov. 13 and you are automatically entered in the lucky draw for prizes including NAHMA meeting registrations, books and gift cards. There is a small shipping and handling fee for each calendar.

The [calendars](#) feature outstanding original artwork by children, seniors and adults with special needs living in affordable multifamily housing. The underlying message for the annual calendar contest is always a drug-free theme but the association wanted to open the door for more avenues of expression, so a subtheme is incorporated into the poster contest. The subtheme this year is *My Voice Will Be Heard: Speaking the Language of Love*.

Jamaica Johnson, a 12th-grader from Pittsburgh, Penn., has been named the grand prizewinner in NAHMA's annual AHMA Drug-Free Kids poster and art contest. The talented artist's creation will appear on the cover of NAHMA's 2021 calendar. Jamaica, 17, also receives an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C., for a future NAHMA Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing conference, as well as a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation.

Nearly 5,000 eligible children, seniors and residents with special needs participated in the nationwide contest. Each winner of the NAHMA contest receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the NAHMA Educational Foundation. All winners are also featured in the 2021 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 2021 NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar and receive a \$100 educational scholarship.

For the contest, the artwork is divided into 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. NAHMA's membership represents 75% affordable housing industry, and includes its most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit www.nahma.org for more information.

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