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There's No Time to Delay; Order a NAHMA Drug-Free Kids Calendar Today

Alexandria, Va., Oct. 7, 2021 — Don't procrastinate and run the risk of missing out on owning a 2022 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Drug-Free Kids Calendar. The calendar, consisting of one-of-a-kind artwork created by talented residents, sells out every year. So, now is the perfect time to purchase one—or more—by downloading the order form and sending it in today.

For an added incentive, <u>purchase</u> calendars before Nov. 12, and you are automatically entered in the lucky draw for prizes, including NAHMA meeting registrations, books, and gift cards. 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. There is a small shipping and handling fee for each calendar.

The <u>calendars</u> 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. Still, 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 *With Responsibility Comes Reward: Holding Ourselves Accountable*.

Angie Montero, an 11th-grader from Miami, Fla., 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 2022 calendar. Angie, 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.

Typically, the contest draws hundreds of participants nationwide. Each winner of the NAHMA contest receives a \$1,000 educational scholarship from the NAHMA Educational Foundation. All winners are also featured in the 2022 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 chosen for this distinction are featured in a special section of the 2022 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 grade, fourth-sixth grade, seventh-ninth grade, and 10th-12th grade, and finally, 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 <u>Current Winners</u> 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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