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## NAHMA Announces Three COQ Award Winners

*Alexandria, Va., Feb. 8, 2022* – The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) announces three communities won 2021 Communities of Quality (COQ) Awards. Since 1992, these awards have honored the best multifamily affordable housing communities across the country.

Entrants are judged on how they manage their properties' physical, financial, and social conditions and how well they convey their success in offering their residents the highest quality of life.

The 2021 COQ Awards will be presented as part of a special luncheon and panel discussion with the winners on March 10 during the NAHMA's Biannual Top Issues in Affordable Housing winter conference on March 9-11. For details on the NAHMA meeting, visit <https://www.nahma.org/meetings/>.

"There is no other award that focuses so comprehensively on the everyday life and management expertise of affordable housing properties," NAHMA Executive Director Kris Cook, CAE, said.

This year's COQ Awards program is jointly sponsored by HD Supply Multifamily Solutions, a leading supplier of maintenance and renovation products to the multihousing industry, and Mohawk Industries, a leading global manufacturer that creates products to enhance residential and commercial spaces around the world.

NAHMA congratulates the winners. For more information about the National Communities of Quality Recognition and Awards Program, visit the [COQ Program Overview](#) webpage at [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org).

### **Exemplary Family Development**

Knightsbridge Apartments

Arlington, Va.

Owner: Wesley Housing

Management: Wesley Property Management

AHMA: Mid-Atlantic AHMA

The three-story garden-style complex comprises six masonry structures that are joined together to form two buildings around a rectangular-shaped courtyard with connecting walkways. In September 2020, Knightsbridge earned its place on the Virginia Landmarks Register by the Virginia Board of Historic Resources and is now recognized on the commonwealth's official list of places of historical, architectural, archaeological, and/or cultural significance. It incorporates a mixture of architectural styles and the modest expression of modern design influences. The design of Knightsbridge and its relationship to the surrounding landscape represents a distinctly mid-20th century idea that distinguishes the apartments from more urban forms of the property type. Wesley Housing's resident services programming provides an environment that allows residents living at Knightsbridge to build up their lives. Wesley and its affiliated property management company, Wesley Property Management,

coordinate a full services program for all property residents that is adjusted based on the needs and interests of residents.

### **Exemplary Development for the Elderly (Co-winner)**

Columbia Tower

San Diego, Calif.

Owner: Columbia Tower

Management Company: GK Management Co., Inc.

AHMA: AHMA-PSW

Columbia Tower is a 150-unit 16-story high-rise elevator serviced building featuring affordable single and one-bedroom apartments for residents over 62 years of age or those who are handicapped and disabled. GK Management Co., Inc. has professionally managed the community since it opened in 1984. The property has many amenities, including a pool, jacuzzi, laundry room, barbecue, and gym. There is also a community room with television, computers, pool table, and library. Columbia Tower strives to create an atmosphere of community among residents, and one way they create this sense of community is through the recreation program. Each month, the senior program coordinator puts out an activities calendar with various options giving residents as many choices as possible to keep them as busy as they want to be. Residents can enjoy a game of bingo, pursue their hobbies such as painting, or learn new crafts in the recreation room.

### **Exemplary Development for the Elderly (Co-winner)**

Mill Pond Apartments

Littleton, Mass.

Owner: C.A.R.D. Inc.

Management Company: Peabody Properties

AHMA: NEAHMA

Mill Pond Apartments offers residents the perfect setting for quiet country living. Built on a pond on a dead-end tree-lined road, Mill Pond Apartments features 42 one-bedroom apartment homes and eight congregate housing apartments with a large community kitchen and living space. The community offers manicured lawns, lush landscaping, a vibrant community gathering space, and on-site parking. The grounds include a pond with various wildlife, birds, spacious lawns, trees, and open fields. There is also a patio/grill area for the residents to enjoy. Mill Pond's resident programs are led by its on-site certified resident service coordinator, who ensures that residents have a high-quality living environment as well as social and physical activities that enhance their health. The resident service coordinator schedules and organizes many activities for the residents to participate in throughout the year. Weekly "Java on the Pond" coffee hour has been a resident favorite for the past five years. The Littleton Community Gardeners have a monthly craft program for residents from September to April.

### **About NAHMA**

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% of the affordable housing industry, and includes its most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org) for more information.

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