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NAHMA Educational Foundation Honors Gianna Richards

Alexandria, Va., Sept. 11, 2023 — The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Educational Foundation will honor Gianna Richards with the 2023 Inspiration Award at its annual gala in October. The award recognizes individuals or organizations for their longtime commitment to advancing educational opportunities for those working within the affordable housing industry and the residents they serve.

As an active participant on many NAHMA committees, including as a member of the Education and Training Committee, various educational task forces, and the Certification Review Board, Richards has shown a continuous and unwavering commitment to advancing education within the affordable housing industry. Richards has previously served as a board member for the NAHMA Educational Foundation and is past president of NAHMA, and continues to serve on NAHMA's Board of Directors.

Richards, president of Solari Enterprises Inc. in California, was key to helping move the needle forward in promoting the foundation on a wider scale inside and outside of NAHMA, including focusing on opportunities to pave the way for broader participation and partnerships with local Affordable Housing Management Associations (AHMAs), affiliates, and members through the foundation board. She has supported NAHMA Education Foundation activities for over two decades and promoted the foundation activities, events, and board members.

"My first introduction to the NAHMA Education Foundation came through an in-person presentation Gianna made at the then IA/NE local AHMA meeting," Dr. Alicia Stoermer Clark, NAHMA Educational Foundation chair, said. "Gianna's willingness to share the message of the foundation through all available channels and expand awareness has most certainly contributed to our ability to reach the benchmarks we see today."

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 2023 Inspiration Award recipient will be honored during the foundation's Inspire Gala, held on Oct. 25, at the Hamilton in Washington, D.C. The benefit serves as the primary public annual fundraising event for the NAHMA Educational Foundation's scholarship fund. The event will feature live entertainment from The Onyx Band, a sit-down dinner, and a live and silent auction.

Sponsorships and tickets for the gala are available. To buy individual tickets or to become a sponsor, please visit www.NAHMAEDU.givesmart.com. To donate items for the silent auction, please contact Stefanie Lee at slee@cahec.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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