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Art Contest Winners Show that Superstars Abound in Affordable Housing

July 14, 2010, Alexandria, VA – For the 24th year, the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) is proud to announce the winners of its annual art/calendar contest, whose traditional anti-drug message was complemented by the theme "I Can Do Anything I Believe" and a sub-theme of "Become a Superstar."

Thousands of children and elderly or special needs residents nationwide who live in affordable homes owned or operated by a member of NAHMA and/or a local Affordable Housing Management Association (AHMA) participated in the contest.

This year's grand-prize winner is Sarah Tucker, a 12th grader who lives in the Council Groves Apartments in Missoula, Montana. Her entry was submitted by Rocky AHMA, and her artwork will grace the cover of NAHMA's 2011 calendar. She will also receive a \$2,500 check for educational expenses from the NAHMA Educational Foundation, which will be presented to her in Washington, D.C. at NAHMA's fall meeting, October 24-26, 2010.

In addition to Tucker's cover art, 13 additional winners will have their work displayed on the inside pages of the 2011 calendar. Each of these winners will receive a \$1,000 check for educational expenses from the Foundation. Seniors who win will receive cash awards made in the name of their community for use in purchasing a gift that will benefit all of the community's residents (e.g., books for the library, appliances for a community room, etc.). These winners will also appear in the 2011 calendar.

Artwork that earned an Honorable Mention will be featured in a special section of the calendar.

This year's winners are:

Grand-Prize Winner:

• Sarah Tucker, Grade 12, Council Groves Apartments, Missoula, MT, Rocky AHMA

Winners:

- Jonathan Tucker, Grade 11, Council Groves Apartments, Missoula, MT, Rocky AHMA,
- Pat McTee, Elderly/Special Needs, St. George's Court, Austin, TX, Southwest AHMA
- Ezekiel Martinez, Grade 3, Glenoaks Townhomes, Sylmar, CA, AHMA-PSW
- Vivian Lee, Grade 9, Kukui Tower, Honolulu, HI, AHMA-NCNH
- Jodie Miu, Grade 9, Kukui Tower, Honolulu, HI, AHMA-NCNH
- Nasir Jordan, Grade 1, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ, JAHMA
- Kassilie Yang, Grade 1, Village Park Apartments, Sacramento, CA, AHMA-NCNH
- Maureen Salgado, Grade 6, Laredo Manor Apartments, Laredo, TX, SWAHMA
- Kenneth Amoah, Grade 4, Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, MA, NEAHMA

- Daria Francis Burke, Grade 8, MacGregor Village Apartments, Greenville, NC, SAHMA
- Kymberli Daria Burke, Grade 11, MacGregor Village Apartments, Greenville, NC, SAHMA
- Ramon Espinosa Vega, Elderly/Special Needs, La Posada Apartments, Los Angeles, CA, AHMA PSW
- Alyann Perla Burke, Grade 6, MacGregor Village Apartments, Greenville, NC, SAHMA

Honorable Mentions:

- Virginia Cashner, Elderly/ Special Needs, Century Village, Lewisburg, PA, PennDel AHMA
- Courtney Matteson, Grade 4, Wilmington Village Square, Wilmington, OH, MAHMA
- Jazmin Moreno, Grade 7, Fawn Ridge Apartments, The Woodlands, TX, AHMA East Texas
- Abigail Hoffman, Elderly/ Special Needs, Lafayette Square, Williamsburg, VA, Mid-Atlantic AHMA, Community Housing Partners

About the NAHMA Educational Foundation:

The NAHMA Educational Foundation is organized and operated exclusively as a Section 501c(3) charitable organization. Founded in October 1994, the NAHMA Educational Foundation works in tandem with its sister organization, the 501(c)6 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA), to advocate a supply adequate to meet the growing need for multifamily, residential affordable housing by bringing nationwide attention to the necessity of preserving decent and safe housing. The primary purposes of the NAHMA Educational Foundation Foundation are to:

(a) Engage in activities and make grants and contributions to assist in relief of the poor or of the underprivileged; and

(b) Promote scholarship and drug-free activities.

The Foundation accepts contributions (tax deductible) at any time during the year. For more information, contact Larissa Mendes at larissa.mendes@nahma.org.

About NAHMA:

The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) is the leading advocate for 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 affordable housing, is a vital resource for technical education and information, fosters strategic relations between government and industry and recognizes those who exemplify the best in affordable housing. Founded in 1990, NAHMA's membership today includes the industry's most distinguished multifamily management companies and owners.

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