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### **Artwork Celebrating the Imagination Wins 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Poster/Calendar Contest Selections by NAHMA Explore “The Magical World of Books and Reading”**

**June 29, 2011- Alexandria, VA** – The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) recently judged its 25<sup>th</sup> annual “AHMA Drug-Free Kid” poster art and calendar contest. Almost 5,000 children, elderly/disabled and special needs residents of NAHMA-member affordable housing communities nationwide participated in the contest. Winning artwork will be featured in a 2012 calendar available for sale through NAHMA and its member Affordable Housing Management Associations (AHMAs). Proceeds support the NAHMA Educational Foundation’s scholarship program. Through fundraising efforts such as the “AHMA Drug-Free Kid” art contest, the NAHMA Educational Foundation awards scholarships and encourages children to set goals, emulate good role models, and live a drug-free lifestyle.

In addition to the drug-free message, this year’s contest had a new sub-theme that reinforces a message about positive uses of time. The theme was “Open Doors with Your Imagination,” and the sub-theme was “Explore the Magical World of Books and Reading.”

**The grand-prize winner this year is Jordan Butler, a sixth grader from Warner Robins, Ga.** His artwork will appear on the cover of NAHMA’s 2012 calendar. He also will receive a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation, as well as a trip to Washington, DC, where he will be honored at NAHMA’s Fall Meeting in October 2011.

Jordan’s artwork was selected from among thousands of entries that were submitted to the AHMAs nationwide. Each AHMA judged its entries and then forwarded the very best on to NAHMA for the national judging. The artwork was categorized by grade, with winners selected from each category (grades K-1, 2-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, seniors and special needs residents).

Below is a complete list of contest winners (along with the name and location of their apartment complex, the name of the housing management company, and the local AHMA). For more information about the contest or to contact a local AHMA, see NAHMA’s website at [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org).

## **Grand-Prize Winner**

- Jordan Butler, Grade 6, Randall Heights Apts., Warner Robins, GA, Hallmark Mgmt., SAHMA

## **Winners:**

- Adaw Bagat, Grade 10, Paradise Valley, Phoenix, AZ, Biltmore Properties, AHMA Pacific Southwest
- Abimbola Bolarinwa, Grade 2, Oak Court Apts., Palo Alto, CA, Palo Alto Housing Corp., NCNH
- Marian Daniels, Senior, Labelle Towers, Highland Park, MI, CSI Support & Development Services, MAHMA
- Zudarius Glass, Grade 2, North Hills Manor, Meridian, MS, Interstate Realty Mgmt., SAHMA
- Makayla Mason, Grade 4, Stratton Hill Park Apts., Worcester, MA, Corcoran Mgmt., NEAHMA
- Carol Matthews, Senior, St. Francis Manor, Sacramento, CA, Eugene Berger Management Company, NCNH
- Emari Moody, Grade 1, North Hills Manor, Meridian, MS, Interstate Realty Mgmt., SAHMA
- Greg Moore, Grade 12, The Fairways, Worcester, MA, First Realty Mgmt., NEAHMA
- Miranda Morgan, Grade 7, Bay Village Apts., Fall River, MA, First Realty Mgmt., NEAHMA
- Setbonyem Quire, Grade 9, Oxford Gardens, Providence, RI, First Realty Mgmt., NEAHMA
- Bette Shapiro, Senior, Ocean Park Villas, Santa Monica, CA, G & K Mgmt., AHMA Pacific Southwest
- Jonathan Tucker, Grade 12, Council Groves Apts., Missoula, MT, Tamarack Property Mgmt., Rocky AHMA
- Eugene Weasel, Jr., Grade 9, Council Groves Apts., Missoula, MT, Tamarack Property Mgmt., Rocky AHMA

## **Honorable Mentions:**

- Passone Nettles, Grade 11, Rolling Hills, Pottstown, PA, Interstate Realty Mgmt., PennDel AHMA

- Jazmin Moreno, Grade 8, Fawn Ridge Apts., The Woodlands, TX, Summit Housing Partners, AHMA East Texas
- Robbie George, Grade 7, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ, Interstate Realty Mgmt., JAHMA
- Lexanni Carrillo, Grade 1, Casa de Manana, Corpus Christi, TX, Wedge Mgmt., Southwest AHMA

Calendars may be ordered beginning in September 2011 by calling (703) 683-8630 ext. 15 or ordering from NAHMA's website at [www.nahma.org](http://www.nahma.org). Calendars cost \$5.50.

**About NAHMA:**

NAHMA is the leading advocate for multifamily property owners and managers whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA holds a unique position in the industry as the advocate for professional standards. It 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 owners and management companies.

**About the NAHMA Educational Foundation:**

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 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 purpose of the NAHMA Educational Foundation is 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 Elizabeth Tucker at [Elizabeth.Tucker@nahma.org](mailto:Elizabeth.Tucker@nahma.org).

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