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26th Annual Poster/Calendar Contest

Selections by NAHMA “Lets Take Care of Our World”

July 16, 2012- Alexandria, VA – The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) recently judged its 26th 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 2013 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 “The Next Step is Yours” and the sub-theme was “Lets Take Care of Our World.”

The grand-prize winner this year is Oscar Castillo, a sixth grader from Baldwin Park, CA.. His artwork will appear on the cover of NAHMA’s 2013 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 2012.

Oscar’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.

Grand Prize Winner

- Oscar Castillo, Grade 6, Baldwin Park, CA. Frazier Park Apts, Alcole Properties AHMA PSW

Winners:

- Aileen Cosme, Grade 11, Market Mill Apts, Lowell, MA. Peabody Properties, NEAHMA
- Setbonyem Quire, Grade 10, Oxford Gardens, Providence, RI, First Realty Mgmt., NEAHMA
- Dashanay Brown, Grade 12 Lake Forest Apts., Gainesville, GA. H.J.Russell & Company SAHMA
- Alton Nelson, Adult, Arch Court Apts, Pittsburgh, PA. Arbors Management PAHMA
- Malek Stevenson, Grade 7, Eastgate Garden Apts. Clarksdale, MS. Southland Mgmt SAHMA
- Elliot Seymour, Grade 6, Council Grove Apts, Missoula, MT., Tamarack Property Mgmt ROCKY AHMA
- Alex Rivera, Grade 3, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ., Interstate Realty Mgmt., JAHMA
- Dion Price, Grade 8, Hillside Village Apts., Providence, RI., Preservation Housing Mgmt., NEAHMA
- Bette Shapiro, Senior, Ocean Park Villas, Santa Monica, CA, G & K Mgmt, AHMA Pacific Southwest
- Lizbeth Torres, Grade 4, Glenoaks Townhomes, Sylmar, CA, Alcole Properties, AHMA PSW
- Vivianna Salcido, Grade 8, Strathern Park Apts., Sun Valley, CA, Thomas Safran & Associates, AHMA PSW
- Stacy Conn, Grade 11, The Village at Somerset, Somerset, PA, WinnResidential, PAHMA
- Jalene Weasel, Grade 10, Council Grove Apts., Missoula, MT. Tamarack Property Mgmt., ROCKY AHMA

Honorable Mentions:

- Jazmin Moreno, Grade 9, Fawn Ridge Apts., The Woodlands, TX, Summit Housing Partners, AHMA East Texas
- Alexis Thomas, Grade K, Timberland Apts, Williamsport, PA. The Michaels Organization, PENNDEL
- Kymani Gordon, Grade 6, San Jose Apts, San Jose, CA. DKD Property Management Company, AHMA NCNH
- Eloisa Ramirez, Grade 3, Weslaco Village Apts, Weslaco, TX. Wedge Management, SWAHMA
- Jayden Toland, Grade K, Southpark Apts, Columbus, OH. American Apartment Mgmt. Co. MAHMA
- Ruth Kaufman, Senior, Winter Hill Apts. Falls Church, VA. NDC Real Estate Mgmt. Inc. MIDATL AHMA

Calendars may be ordered beginning in September 2012 by calling (703) 683-8630 ext. 15 or ordering from NAHMA's website at 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 Brenda Moser at Brenda.moser@nahma.org.

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