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“Family and Friends” Is Theme of 27th Annual Poster/Calendar Contest NAHMA Announces 2014 Winners

August 1, 2013 – Alexandria, VA – The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) recently judged its 27th 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 2014 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 the importance of family and friends: **We are One Family: “Friends Make the World a Nicer Place.”**

This year’s grand-prize winner is Anna Wen, a 12th grader from Honolulu, HI. Her artwork will appear on the cover of NAHMA’s 2014 calendar. She will also receive a trip to Washington, D.C. where she will be honored with a scholarship of \$2,500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation presented at NAHMA’s annual Fall meeting in October 2013. Other national winners whose artwork will appear in the 2014 calendar receive scholarships of \$1,000 from the Foundation, which also awards Honorable Mentions \$100 scholarships. Seniors and special needs winners have cash awards made to their housing communities.

Calendars may be ordered beginning in September 2013 by calling (703) 683-8630, ext. 115 or by visiting NAHMA’s website at www.nahma.org. Calendars cost \$5.50 and are a HUD and RHS allowable project expense.

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

Anna Wen, Grade 12, Kukui Tower, Honolulu, HI, EAH Housing, AHMA NCNH

WINNERS

- Toni Gilbert, Senior, Lenola School Apartments, Moorestown, NJ, Moorestown Ecumenical Neighborhood Development, Inc. (M.E.N.D.), JAHMA
- Daniah Alzubaidy, Grade 3, Casa Mesa Estates, Mesa, AZ, Biltmore Properties, AHMA PSW
- Christian Vera, Grade 10, The Fairways, Worcester, MA, First Realty Management, NEAHMA
- Kenny Camacho, Special Needs, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ, Interstate Realty Management, JAHMA
- Marissa Ibarra, Grade 12, Strathern Court Apartments, Sun Valley, CA, Thomas Safran & Associates, AHMA PSW
- Jamaurio McMillian, Grade 8, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ, Interstate Realty Management, JAHMA
- Zoe George, Grade 6, Casa Mesa Estates, Mesa, AZ, Biltmore Properties, AHMA PSW
- Melvin Stevenson, Grade 9, Eastgate Schoolhouse Road Estates, Clarksdale, MS, Southland Management Corp., SAHMA
- Jennifer Lauzon, Grade 7, Bay Village, Fall River, MA, First Realty Management, NEAHMA
- Vivianna Salcido, Grade 9, Strathern Park Apartments, Sun Valley, CA, Thomas Safran & Associates, AHMA PSW
- Claudemyre Benoit, Grade 12, Davis Commons, Brockton, MA, First Realty Management, NEAHMA
- Katherine Camacho, Special Needs, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ, Interstate Realty Management, JAHMA
- Vivian Lee, Grade 12, Kukui Tower, Honolulu, HI, EAH Housing, AHMA NCNH

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Gamalia Cruz, Grade 7, Kensington Townhouses, Philadelphia, PA, The Michaels Organization, PennDel AHMA
- Delores Johnson, Special Needs, Irving Apartments, Denver, CO, Archdiocesan Housing, Rocky AHMA
- Marte Craig, Grade 9, Southpark Apartments, Columbus, OH, American Apartment Management Company, MAHMA
- Tayah Teel-Sullivan, Grade 4, Greene Hills Estate, Springfield, VA, NDC Real Estate, Inc., Mid-Atlantic AHMA
- Janice Mendoza, Grade 1, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX, Wedge Management, SWAHMA
- Betty Rodkey, Senior, Leonard Court Apartments, Clearfield, PA, Central PA Development Corp., Inc. and Central PA Community Action, Inc., PAHMA
- Jazmin Moreno, Grade 10, Fawn Ridge Apartments, The Woodlands, TX, BSR Trust, AHMA ET

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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, 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.

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