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Contest Winners Prove the Future Belongs to Drug-Free Kids

July 29, 2003, Alexandria, Va. — Children in grades K-12 from across the nation who live in affordable, multifamily housing participated in the annual Drug-Free Kids Poster contest of the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA). Winners were selected by a panel of independent judges July 14 at NAHMA headquarters in Alexandria, Va.

The grand prize winner from among thousands of entrants is Marilyn Flake, a third-grade student who lives at Casa Mesa Estates in Mesa, Arizona. Her poster art will be featured on the cover of the NAHMA 2004 “AHMA Drug-Free Kid” Calendar. (AHMA is the acronym of the Affordable Housing Management Associations that are regional affiliates of NAHMA.) Marilyn also will be treated to an all-expense paid trip for two to Washington, D.C., to take part in a special event at NAHMA’s national meeting in October.

NAHMA members manage more than 50 percent of all privately owned, government-assisted housing and provide quality affordable housing to over two million Americans.

Marilyn’s artwork was selected from more than 100 regional winners who entered contests hosted by their local AHMAs. An independent committee of judges selected 13 entries that depicted this year’s theme, “My Future Belongs to Me.” All winners’ poster art is included on the 2004 NAHMA calendar, and each winner receives an educational scholarship from the NAHMA Educational Foundation.

Orders for the full-color calendar will be taken beginning in September. Quantity personalized calendars also are available.

The Winners:

- Grand prize: **Marilyn Flake**, a third-grade student who lives at Casa Mesa Estates in **Mesa, Arizona**. Casa Mesa Estates is managed by Biltmore Properties, and Marilyn’s submission came through the Pacific Southwest AHMA.
- **Jonathan Tucker**, Grade 2, **Missoula, Mont.**, representing AHMA Mountain Desert Plains (MDP). Jonathan lives in Council Groves Apartments, Tamarack Property Management Co.

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- **Lewin Beard**, Grade 6, **Hitchcock, Texas**, representing East Texas AHMA. Lewin lives in Independent Missionary Village Apartments, Alpha Property Management.
- **Jennifer Floyd**, Grade 12, **The Woodlands, Texas**, representing East Texas AHMA. Jennifer lives in Holly Creek Apartments, The Woodlands Operating Co.
- **Alexis Brundage**, Grade 2, **The Woodlands, Texas**, representing East Texas AHMA. Alexis lives in Wood Glen Apartments, The Woodlands Operating Co.
- **Courtney Smith**, Grade 2, **Philadelphia, Penn.**, representing New Jersey AHMA (JAHMA). Courtney lives in Wister Townhouse, Interstate Realty Management Co.
- **Adeline Pepin**, Grade 8, **Columbia Falls, Mont.**, representing AHMA MDP. Adeline lives in Columbia Villa Apartments, Tamarack Property Management Co.
- **Meghna Bhatt**, Grade 5, **Roseville, Calif.**, representing AHMA Northern California and Nevada (AHMA NCN). Meghna lives in Santa Clara Terrace Apartments, Eugene Burger Management Co.
- **Liliya Timonichev**, Grade 12, **Roseville, Calif.**, representing AHMA NCN. Liliya lives in Santa Clara Terrace Apartments, Eugene Burger Management Co.
- **Nana Afryie**, Grade 11, **Worcester, Mass.**, representing New England Affordable Housing Management Association (NEAHMA). Nana lives in Lincoln Village, Cornerstone Corp.
- **Martha VanAuken**, Grade 7, **Worcester, Mass.**, representing NEAHMA. Martha lives in Mountain Village, First Realty Management.
- **Jessica Rodriguez**, Grade 9, **Uvalde, Texas**, representing South Western Affordable Housing Management Association (SWAHMA). Jessica lives in La Quinta Apartments, Domicile Property Management.
- **Adeela Nasreen**, Grade 5, **Alexandria, Va.**, representing the Virginia AHMA. Adeela lives in Murrygate Village Apartments, Fairfax County Department of Housing.

NAHMA advocates for affordable, quality, multifamily housing by bringing nationwide attention to the need for preserving decent, safe and sanitary housing, and advocates for establishment of industry standards for affordable housing professionals. NAHMA encourages creation of public/private partnerships among property owners and managers, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Congress and others with an interest in preserving affordable housing.

For more information about the poster contest, 2004 calendars, NAHMA or the AHMA in your region, contact NAHMA or visit www.NAHMA.org.

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