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“A Star Bright Future” Comes Early for Winners of NAHMA’s Annual Art Contest

July 15, 2005, Alexandria, VA -- The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) is pleased to announce the winners of its 19th annual national “AHMA Drug-Free Kid” art/calendar contest.

This year’s grand prize winner is eight year old Karina Gomez of Uvlade, Texas. Karina’s artwork will appear on the cover of NAHMA’s 2006 calendar. She also will receive a scholarship of \$2500 from the NAHMA Educational Foundation in the form of a U.S. Savings Bond, as well as a trip to Washington, DC, where she will be honored at the NAHMA Fall Meeting October 22-25, 2005.

The theme of the 2005 contest was “A Star Bright Future.” Karina’s artwork was selected from among thousands of entries that were submitted to Affordable Housing Management Associations (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-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12). All school-age winners receive U.S. Savings Bonds.

Seniors age 62 and up could also enter the contest and receive prizes for the affordable apartment complex where they live. Two seniors were among this year’s winners, all of whom will have their artwork featured in the calendar.

The 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) is as follows:

Grand Prize Winner

Karina Gomez, Grade 4, La Quinta Apartments, Uvlade, Texas (Agape Support Services; Southwestern AHMA)

National Contest Winners

Miracle Posey, Grade 1, Riverbreeze, Natchez, MS (Interstate Realty Management Corp., Southeastern AHMA)

J. D. Martinez, Grade 3, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX (Wedge Management, Southwestern AHMA)

Melissa Wesar, Grade 4, Lulac Village Park Apartments, Corpus Christi, TX (Lulac Village Park Apts., Southwestern AHMA)

Gregory Moore, Grade 6, Mountain Village Apartments, Worcester, MA (First Realty Management, New England AHMA)
Andrea Rodriguez, Grade 7, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX (Wedge Management, Southwestern AHMA)
Rene Lopez, Grade 8, Rio Manor Apartments, Del Rio, TX (Wedge Management, Southwestern AHMA)
Ilna Palamarchuk, Grade 9, Lincoln Way Apartments, Lynwood, WA (Mercy Housing, AHMA Northwest/Washington)
Michael Borinkski, Grade 10, Rose Park Plaza, Billings, MT (Tamarack Property Management, AHMA Mountains, Plains, Desert)
Richard Cavazos, Grade 11, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX (Wedge Management, Southwestern AHMA)
Sarah Jade Paris, Grade 12, Lexington Green Apartments, El Cajon, CA (Apartment Constructors, Inc., AHMA Pacific Southwest)
Judy Ann Eriksen, Senior, Santa Fe Apartments, Riverside, CA (RPK Development Corp., AHMA Pacific Southwest)
Tony Moreno, Senior, Green Hotel Apartments, Pasadena, CA (GK Management Co., AHMA Pacific Southwest)

Calendars may be ordered beginning September 15th by calling (703) 683-8630 or ordering from NAHMA's website at www.nahma.org. Calendars cost \$5.50 each.

NAHMA is the leading advocate for multifamily property owners and managers 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 owners and management companies.

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