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Art Contest Winners Depict Dreams and Possibilities For Residents of Affordable Housing

July 29, 2008 Alexandria, VA – For the 22nd year, the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) is proud to announce the winners of its annual art/calendar contest, whose traditional anti-drug message was complemented by the theme of “Dreams and Possibilities – Discover the Magic of Science and Math.”

Thousands of children and elderly or disabled residents nationwide who live in affordable homes owned or operated by a member of NAHMA and/or a local Affordable Housing Management Association (AHMA) participated in the contest.

This year’s grand-prize winner is Aidalys Marie Rivera, a 2nd-grader who lives in the Stratton Hill Park in Worcester, MA. Her entry was submitted by NEAHMA. Rivera’s artwork will grace the cover of NAHMA’s 2009 calendar. She will also receive a \$2,500 U.S. Savings Bond from the NAHMA Educational Foundation, which will be presented in Washington, D.C. at NAHMA’s fall meeting, October 19-21, 2008.

In addition to Rivera’s cover art, 12 additional winners will have their work displayed on the inside the pages of the 2009 calendar. Each of these winners will receive a \$1,000 Savings Bond from the Foundation. Seniors who win receive cash awards made in the name of their community for use in purchasing a gift that will benefit all of the community’s residents (e.g., books for the library, appliances for a community room, etc.). These winners will also appear in the 2009 calendar.

Artwork that earned an Honorable Mention will be featured in a special section of the calendar. This year’s winners are:

Grand-Prize Winner:

- Aidalys Marie Rivera, Grade 2-3, Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, MA, NEAHMA, Corcoran Management

Winners:

- Melvin Baum, Senior, The Whispering Fountains, Laguna Woods, CA, AHMA PSW, RPK Development
- Vanessa Bocanegra, Grade 4-6, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX, SWAHMA, Wedge Mangement

- Tagoui Davitan, Grade 10-12, Strathern Park, Sun Valley, CA, AHMA-PSW, Thomas, Safran & Associates
Judy Ann Eriksen, Senior, Santa Fe Apartments, Riverside, CA, AHMA-PSW, RPK Development
- Rolando Flores, Grade K-1, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX, SWAHMA, Wedge Mangement
- Angel Garcia, Grade 10-12, Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, MA, NEAHMA, Corcoran Management
Amirah Harris, Grade 10-12, Rolling Hills Apartments, Memphis, TN, SAHMA, ALCO Management
- Krystyna Korczak-Mercado, Hollywood Fountain North, Los Angeles, CA, AHMA PSW, Thomas, Safran & Associates
- Myles Perez, Grade 4-6, Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, MA, NEAHMA, Corcoran Management
Anna Karen Rios-Pedraza, Grade 6-7, Laredo Manor Apartments, SWAHMA, Wedge Mangement
Elian Sanchez, Grade 2-3, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX, SWAHMA, Wedge Mangement
- Sarah Tucker, Grade 7-9, Council Grove Apartments, Missoula, MT, Rocky AHMA, Tamarack Property Management
Jonathon Tucker, Grade 7-9, Council Grove Apartments, Missoula, MT, Rocky AHMA, Tamarack Property Management

Honorable Mentions:

- Ester Acosta, Grade K-1, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX, SWAHMA, Wedge Mangement
- Gregory Moore, Grade 7-9, Mountain Village, Worcester, MA, NEAHMA, First Realty Management
- David Davitian, Grade 2-3, Strathern Park, Sun Valley, CA, AHMA-PSW, Thomas, Safran & Associates
- Jarylis Guzman, Grade K-1, Mountain Village, Worcester, MA, NEAHMA, First Realty Management
- Quaneisha Davis, Grade 10-12, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ, JAHMA, Interstate Realty Management
- Tianna Ulmer, Grade 2-3, Timberland Apartments, Williamsport, PA, PennDel AHMA, Interstate Realty Management
- Bruno Moreno-Nieto, Grade 7-9, Fawn Ridge, The Woodlands, TX, AHMA ET, Summit Asset Management
- Edith Howell, Senior, Cambridge Arms, Columbus, OH, MAHMA, Community Properties of Ohio
- Tomme Hart, Senior, St. Francis Manor, AHMA NCNH, EBMC
- Oluwafunmi Dada, Grade K-1, Queenstown Apartments, Hyattsville, MD, Mid-Atlantic AHMA, Edgewood Management
- Connor Crain, Grade 7-9, Westminster Woods, Bogalusa, LA, LAHMA, National Church Residences

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