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

July 15, 2009 Alexandria, VA – For the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 “My Hopes, My Future – Healthy Minds and Healthy Bodies.”

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 Glenn Villalona, a 7<sup>th</sup>-grader who lives in the Oxford Gardens in Providence, RI. His entry was submitted by NEAHMA. Villalona’s artwork will grace the cover of NAHMA’s 2010 calendar. He will also receive a \$2,500 Check from the NAHMA Educational Foundation, which will be presented in Washington, D.C. at NAHMA’s fall meeting, October 18-20, 2009.

In addition to Villalona’s cover art, 13 additional winners will have their work displayed on the inside the pages of the 2010 calendar. Each of these winners will receive a \$1,000 Check 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 2010 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:**

- Glenn Villalona, Grade 7-9, Oxford Gardens, Providence, RI, NEAHMA, First Realty

**Winners:**

- Yu-Tung Tiffany Wong, Grade 4-6, Oroysom Village, Fremont, CA, AHMA NCNH, Mid-Peninsula Housing Management
- Kenneth Amoah, Grade 2-3, Stratton Hill Park, Worcester, MA, NEAHMA, Corcoran Management
- Alejandra Key, Grade 2-3, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX, SWAHMA, Wedge Mangement

- Barbara Goodmiller, Senior, David Specter Shalom House, Albuquerque, NM, SWAHMA, Monarch Properties
- Nikkia Walker, Grade 4-6, Ashley Oaks, Charleston, SC, SAHMA, AMCS
- Sylvia Flores, Senior, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX, SWAHMA, Wedge Management
- Jazmin Moreno, Grade 4-6, Fawn Ridge Apartments, Spring, TX, AHMA-ET, Summit Housing Partners
- Clara Perez, Grade 10-12, San Felipe Homes, Los Angeles, CA, AHMA PSW, The John Stewart Co.
- Sarah Tucker, Grade 10-12, Council Grove Apartments, Missoula, MT, Rocky AHMA, Tamarack Property Management
- Gregory Moore, Grade 10-12, Mountain Village Apartments, Worcester, MA, NEAHMA, First Realty
- Nick Schiano, Grade K-1, Winteringham Village, Toms River, NJ, JAHMA, Interstate Realty Management
- Carlos Pacas, Senior, Whispering Fountains at Monrovia, Monrovia, CA, AHMA PSW, RPK Development
- Viviana Salcido, Grade 4-6, Strathern Park, Sun Valley, CA, AHMA-PSW, Thomas, Safran & Associates

**Honorable Mentions:**

- Alvin Russell, Senior, Westminster Gardens, Hammond, LA, LAHMA, National Church Residences
- Jazmin Rae Baldwin-Wood, Grade 2-3, Hawthorne Village, Moscow, ID, IAHMA, Mercy Housing
- Tattanna Smith, Grade 2-3, Timberland Apartments, Williamsport, PA, PennDel AHMA, Interstate Realty Management
- Ghadir Amin, Grade 7-9, Southpark Apartments, Columbus, OH, MAHMA, American Apartment Management
- Brenda Melano, Grade 4-6, Queenstown Apartments, Mt. Rainier, MD, Mid-Atlantic AHMA, Edgewood Management
- Vivian Lee, Grade 7-9, Kukui Tower, Honolulu, HI, AHMA NCNH, EAH Housing Inc.
- Amanda Garres, Grade 7-9, Sherwood Apartments, Edinburg, TX, SWAHMA, Wedge Management

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