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Housing Colorado Announces 2017 Award Winners

(DENVER) – Housing Colorado is pleased to announce the recipients of its Eagle Awards and People’s Choice Award. Each year, Housing Colorado honors successes in affordable housing by recognizing nominees and winners at the annual Housing Colorado NOW! Conference. This year’s awards ceremony was held on October 13, 2017.

The Eagle Awards was established in 1990, and represents one of the highest achievements within the Colorado housing community. These prestigious awards celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments and outstanding leadership in housing and support services. The awards honor individuals and collaborative projects that soar to new heights in their work to ensure safe, decent, affordable housing for all Coloradans. The People’s Choice Award winner is an Eagle Award nominee who is selected by the affordable housing community in recognition of their extraordinary work in the industry.

The 2017 Eagle Award winners are:

Don May has been an active member of Housing Colorado and NAHRO for over 15 years by serving in leadership positions in both organizations. His work helped pass a Bill in Colorado’s General Assembly for creation of the Tax Credit in 2013. Since assuming the Executive Director Role in 1992, Adams County Housing Authority’s portfolio has expanded from owning 132 housing units to 2,752 units of which over 1,459 are owned and managed by ACHA.

Maureen Hewitt, CEO of InnovAge, runs her 1,300+ employee business serving middle and low-income seniors. For many seniors this means staying in their homes and not being forced early into institutionalized care. Maureen has also partnered to build 100% affordable 65+ senior housing communities with PACE services, such as Thornton Housing Community’s 72 units and Aurora’s Pinewood 130 seniors.

Renaissance at North Colorado Station in Denver provides 103 apartment homes in a transit-oriented development, close to public transportation. Residents are both families and individuals in need of affordable housing. The site has supportive services to reduce social service and emergency related costs.

Sanderson Apartments is operated by Mental Health Center of Denver's and provides a safe, open and inviting environment that minimizes the effects of trauma, avoids any sense of confinement and ensures residents feel safe. The building is equally split between living space of 60 one-bedroom, furnished apartments and engagement space, including library, wellness center, gardens and gathering places.

Eviction Prevention Program provides up to three months' worth of financial support and intensive case management as needed. Preventing eviction of households impacted by one isolated incident pushing them off the financial cliff and that threatens homelessness. This program is underwritten by Greccio Housing Unlimited, in Colorado Springs.

The 2017 People's Choice Award winner is:

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About Housing Colorado

Founded in 2005, Housing Colorado is located in Denver, Colo. and serves as the unified resource in the state for affordable housing education, information and advocacy. The organization works to shift public perception and policy while providing tools to help meet the challenges of affordable housing. (www.housingcolorado.org). For more information, contact Emily Nilsen at (303) 863-0123 or emily@housingcolorado.org.

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