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Housing Colorado Announces 2018 Award Winners

(DENVER) – Housing Colorado is pleased to announce the recipients of its Eagle Awards, People’s Choice Award and Herlinger Award. Through the Eagle Awards program, Housing Colorado honors successes in affordable housing by recognizing and honoring nominees and winners that soar to new heights in their work to ensure safe, decent, affordable housing for all Coloradans. This year Housing Colorado hosted the first inaugural Eagle Awards Gala. This year’s awards ceremony was held on April 26, 2018.

The Eagle Awards was established in 1990, and represents one of the highest achievements within the Colorado housing community. Historically, this awards ceremony has been presented at Housing Colorado’s annual conference. 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 Herlinger Award is a special, rarely-given award designated for life-time achievements.

The 2018 Eagle Award winners are:

Beloved Community Tiny Home Village in Denver pursued the innovative approach of using vacant owned land to house vulnerable members in the community through temporary and transitional housing. The 11 sleeping units share bathing units and community space and are helping 15 residents with much needed stability, and help to lay the groundwork for successful futures.

Colorado Disaster Recovery Home Access Program is the State’s Home Access Program assisting households and communities whose private roads, bridges, and other crossings to homes were damaged or destroyed by the September 2013 floods or one of the preceding wildfires. Homes located in remote canyon areas are typically accessed via privately owned bridges rather than publicly owned and maintained ones.

Gete Mekonnen is a community development expert with a 30-year success record. He is originally from Ethiopia, and went on to earn his masters in community development/city planning from Ohio State. He has worked his way up from a grass roots organizer to the executive director of a nationally recognized and respected non-profit community Development Corporation in Denver; Northeast Denver Housing Center.

Terraza Del Sol was able to leverage its development site to not only provide affordable housing, but a Denver non-profit headquarters on the first floor. Over 85% of the 42-units

are restricted to low and very-low income tenants. The second floor incorporates an indoor playground and multi-use court.

The 2018 People's Choice Award winner is:

The Reserves at Steamboat Springs was the first in the area to use a 9% tax credit allocation. The 48-unit apartments are used by the area's workforce and allows them to live close to work and play while being able to enjoy an on-site fitness center, basketball court and pet friendly facilities.

The Herlinger Award winner is:

Daniel Morgan has been an industry leader for more than 25 years and created Daniel G. Morgan & Associates. He has worked on hundreds of projects across the state. Dan is widely recognized as an expert on finance, deal structure and tax credit law. His open collaborative approach has helped foster an amazing spirit of cooperation within our development community.

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 (720) 744-2251 or emily@housingcolorado.org.

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