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SAHA RECEIVES NATIONAL HOUSING AWARDS

SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) was praised for outstanding achievement in new project design by the National Association of Housing Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), which honored SAHA with five national Awards of Merit for Housing and Community Development.

The awards were presented during NAHRO's summer conference July 25-27 in Nashville, Tenn.

"SAHA is committed to providing quality, affordable housing to the citizens of San Antonio and we're pleased these efforts were recognized at a national level," said Alfred Valenzuela, SAHA interim president and CEO.

The awards were received for the following SAHA properties:

- **Artisan at Mission Creek** – A unique combination of financing and local partnering resulted in high quality, affordable family living just minutes from downtown San Antonio. Features include a clubhouse with an adult social services area, a kids' only room, fitness center, computer learning lab and a kitchen.
- **Costa Valencia** – This far west side property has the old charm of a villa design (multi-color exteriors and iron railed balconies) with amenities like a pool and gated parking for affordable apartment living. Nestled on 12 landscaped acres, Costa Valencia is near many commercial and retail centers.
- **Midcrowne Senior Pavilion** – Midcrowne, in northeast San Antonio, provides seniors with affordable housing and amenities, including a clubhouse with a media/theatre room, fitness studio, library/study, activities room, and a beauty/barber shop.
- **Rosemont at Highland Park** – Located adjacent to Highway 90, this property is providing affordable housing to residents on the east side of San Antonio. Amenities include a clubhouse, pool, playground and computer room.
- **San Juan Square I** – Located near the west side of San Antonio, San Juan is a mixed-income community where market rate, affordable and public housing units sit alongside one another. Residents enjoy a clubhouse with a community room, swimming pool, fitness center, and a business center.

"Not only are we improving our residents lives' through affordable housing, we're enhancing their living conditions by providing families with clubhouses and pools. This allows our residents to spend time with each other and socialize with their neighbors," said SAHA Board Chairman Ramiro Cavazos.

SAHA was also recently honored by the national publication, *Affordable Housing Finance*, as the fifth largest developer of affordable housing in the nation. It is the only public housing agency listed.

SAHA owns and manages approximately 6,400 public housing units and 3,200 affordable housing units. SAHA also administers nearly 12,000 Section 8 vouchers, all with a \$130 million annual operating budget and more than \$300 million in assets.

NAHRO is a 74-year-old membership organization of 3,200 housing and community development agencies and 19,500 professionals throughout the United States, whose mission is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income.

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