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SAHA RECEIVES MORE THAN \$470,000 TO ASSIST HOMELESS VETERANS

SAN ANTONIO (September 9, 2009) - The San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) has received additional funding to partner with the Veterans Affairs (VA) San Antonio Medical Center to provide 70 local homeless veterans with housing choice vouchers (HCV). The program combines rental assistance with case management and clinical services provided by the Veterans Affairs at its medical centers and in the community. Homeless veterans receive rental assistance through HUD's Section 8 voucher program, and support services, case management and health care from the VA.

This additional funding brings SAHA's Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program to a total of nearly \$900,000. SAHA received its first allocation of 70 vouchers for the VASH program last year, and all 70 vouchers have since been issued to local, eligible homeless veterans. The VASH program is funded by Congress and administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and is a partnership between public housing authorities and the VA.

"These honorable men and women put their lives on the line in service to our country, and SAHA is very pleased to be able to expand this program, to offer veterans the assistance necessary to rent an affordable home and to access critically needed supportive services," said Lourdes Castro Ramirez, SAHA President and CEO.

Interested homeless veterans must be income-eligible and must be referred to SAHA by the local VA office. To contact the local VA office, please (210) 692-1155 and press Option 2.

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