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SAHA RECEIVES 17 NATIONAL HOUSING AWARDS

SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) will receive 17 Awards of Merit for housing and community development programs from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) at a July 28 reception in Louisville, KY.

The awards are for the following SAHA program and initiatives:

- Summer Youth Employment Program
- Education Investment Foundation 2010 Scholarship Banquet
- Crime Prevention through Community Leadership
- Professional development bi-monthly department training
- YMCA YTeens program at Alazan Apache Courts
- Summer family nutrition
- Family Self-Sufficiency 2010 Keys to Success Empowerment Conference
- Hope Strategies at Wheatley Courts
- Homeownership through Collaboration
- Resident Job Fair
- Public Housing Resident Council Participation
- Housing Choice Voucher Leasing Fair
- HemisView Village
- Artisan at Creekside
- Sutton Oaks
- Client Service Campaign
- Finance and Accounting

“These awards are a testament to the work of our dedicated team of staff, to improve the lives of thousands of San Antonio families,” said Lourdes Castro Ramírez, SAHA President and CEO.

“During these times of economic changes and budget uncertainty in our nation, NAHRO’s Award of Merit is particularly important because it showcases those agencies and authorities who overcame the adversities and flourished,” said NAHRO CEO Saul N Ramirez Jr. “Now more than ever with the federal governments’ role in flux, we need local housing authorities to step up. The San Antonio Housing Authority has done just that and we’re pleased to recognize their outstanding work.”

SAHA provides housing assistance to over 65,000 children, adults and senior citizens. SAHA owns and manages 6,177 public housing units at 70 properties and owns/or manages 6,399 affordable housing units at 42 properties. In addition, SAHA administers rental vouchers to 12,900 San Antonio families through Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) program. SAHA is ranked seventh on the Affordable Housing Finance Magazine’s 2010 list of Top 50 Housing Developers.

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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