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FORT WAYNE HOUSING AUTHORITY RECEIVES AWARD OF MERIT FROM NAHRO

FORT WAYNE, July 15, 2019 - The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) recently honored Fort Wayne Housing Authority with **four** 2019 Awards of Merit. The winning projects were: Social Media - utilizing digital platforms such as Facebook and Twitter to communicate with residents and sharing community resources; Health and Wellness - Offering wellness activities to staff and residents to enhance their well-being, Rebranding - creating a new brand and collateral materials to enhance agency communications; and Pretty Princess Program - Teaching young girls skills to last a lifetime.

“It is an honor to be recognized for the work that Fort Wayne is doing to change the perception of affordable housing and provide resources that will help our families who call our developments home,” said Fort Wayne Housing Authority CEO, George Guy. “Our staff, board and stakeholders fully embrace to the mission and vision of our organization and we are committed to identifying more programs and resources that will enhance our city and the lives of our families,” he added.

“Congratulations to our 2019 Awards of Merit recipients,” said NAHRO President Carl S. Richie, Jr. “I am so proud of the great work they're doing for their clients and their communities.”

The NAHRO Awards of Merit program was created 20 years ago to recognize agencies who found innovative ways of making a difference in their communities and in the lives of the people they serve by creating affordable housing, revitalizing their neighborhoods, and developing initiatives such as job readiness programs, public-private partnerships, disaster prevention projects, and more.

“The Awards of Merit catalog is more than a list of winners,” said NAHRO CEO Adrienne Todman. “It’s a yearly compendium of some of the best work being done by housing authorities and community builders nationwide. Congratulations to this year’s honorees!”

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About NAHRO

NAHRO, established in 1933, is a membership organization of nearly 20,000 housing and community development agencies and 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. NAHRO's membership administers more than 3 million housing units for 7.6 million people.

About Fort Wayne Housing Authority

FWHA cultivates vibrant, inclusive neighborhoods throughout Fort Wayne, where all residents have safe, quality, affordable housing and a high standard of living built on economic self-sufficiency.