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Message from the President & CEO



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President & CEO

I am honored to be selected to lead the next two conferences of the national Moving to Work (MTW) Steering Committee, a voluntary organization of all of the MTW agencies. Our next conference is planned for February 2-3, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

Thirty-nine public housing authorities, out of 3,400 in the nation, that have received a Moving to Work designation from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) collaborate through the MTW Steering Committee.

I will share more details about the 2015 conference as the date approaches.

As an MTW agency, the San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) designs and tests innovative, cost-effective ways of providing housing assistance to low-income families, using a combination of federal funding allocated to SDHC for public housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) rental assistance.

I would also like to share with you additional important SDHC activities:

SDHC Partnership: New Affordable Housing for Families with Special Needs

California Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins, a longtime voice for affordable housing, helped break ground on a first-of-its-kind development to provide affordable rental housing in the City of San Diego specifically for families with a member who has a developmental disability.

Independence Point, a \$13.5 million development for low- and very low-income families by Chelsea Investment Corp., is being built with \$8 million in bond financing approved by the San Diego City Council at the recommendation of SDHC.

SDHC also provided a \$2.5 million loan, which consists of \$2.2 million in federal HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and \$300,000 from the City of San Diego's Housing Trust Fund.



Pictured third from right, California Assembly Speaker Toni Atkins Independence Point Groundbreaking Lincoln Park neighborhood Expected construction completion: August 2015

Partners gathered at the construction site on Willie James Jones Avenue on Friday for a groundbreaking ceremony. The development is located in City Council District 4, represented by City Councilmember Myrtle Cole, who championed Independence Point when it reached the City Council for a vote on June 24.

[Read the SDHC News Release](#)

Honors for SDHC Achievement Academy

The SDHC Achievement Academy has received an Award of Merit in Housing and Community Development from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). These awards recognize innovative solutions to addressing community needs and the lives of the people which NAHRO organizations serve.

In the 2013 award period, SDHC revamped the programs and services offered at the SDHC Achievement Academy and redesigned the Family Self-Sufficiency Program to increase the number of participants and provide financial incentives for achieving education or employment goals.



SDHC Chairman of the Board Gary Gramling (center left) presented the Award of Merit to SDHC Achievement Academy Director Stephanie Murphy (center right) who was accompanied by a couple of her team members (far left and right).

I invite your comments.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Gentry
President & Chief Executive Officer
San Diego Housing Commission

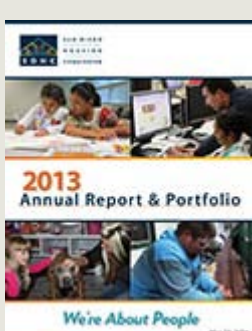
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