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Message from the President & CEO



Richard C. Gentry President & CEO

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) recent selection of a San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) partnership as an EnVision Center reflects our successful collaborations with community partners to achieve positive results for the families we serve.

SDHC also celebrates with our partners the grand opening of newly constructed affordable rental housing for families and the innovative program working with landlords to create housing

opportunities for San Diegans experiencing homelessness. I invite you to read more about these activities, as well as a few of our award-winning

programs and partnership developments.

SDHC was proud to be selected with our partners as one of the 18 EnVision Centers across

SDHC Partnership Designated as EnVision Center

the country that HUD Secretary Dr. Ben Carson announced. A collaboration between SDHC, the City of San Diego and San Diego Workforce Partnership,

the EnVision Center in San Diego will offer services in four areas: Economic Empowerment – including connections to employers, job placement

- Educational Advancement including GED training courses, technology skills, and financial literacy;
- Health and Wellness including healthcare and clinical services; and
- Character and Leadership Development including volunteer and mentorship opportunities.
- Programs and services will be provided at the SDHC Achievement Academy in Downtown San Diego and the South Metro Career Center, located within the Promise Zone in San Diego.

EnVision Centers promote financial self-reliance among federal rental assistance recipients and public housing residents.

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and counseling;

The transformation of an underused retail center into affordable rental housing culminated with the grand opening of Mesa Verde Apartments, an SDHC partnership development.

89 New Affordable Apartments for Families



San Diego Mayor Kevin L. Faulconer, City Councilmember Scott Sherman and SDHC Chairman of the Board Frank Urtasun were among the speakers at the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for Mesa Verde.

Developed by Chelsea Investment Corporation in partnership with SDHC, Mesa Verde provides 89 rental apartments that will remain affordable for 55 years for families with income up to 60 percent of San Diego's Area Median Income.

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month.

Landlords Collaborate with SDHC to Address Homelessness

and families experiencing homelessness in the City of San Diego.

Landlords are essential partners to create permanent housing opportunities for individuals



LEAP is an expansion of the landlord incentives program of Housing Our Heroes. Through LEAP, landlords receive incentives for renting to anyone experiencing homelessness Veterans and non-Veterans. Housing Our Heroes and LEAP are part of HOUSING FIRST - SAN DIEGO, SDHC's

Housing Our Heroes helped 1,000 Veterans who had been experiencing homelessness to

secure rental housing. More than 430 landlords joined the initiative.

SDHC Programs Recognized with National Awards of Merit

Three SDHC programs will be receiving Awards of Merit from the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) at the organization's summer conference next

SDHC's other Award of Merit honorees include the Power of One, a yearlong program that provides single-parent households with access to career and financial planning resources and workshops, and the SDHC Procurement Department's enhanced, streamlined process for

review and implementation of Homeless Housing Innovations Department contracts.

rental housing, also has been nominated for a NAHRO Award of Excellence.

The Housing Our Heroes initiative, which helped 1,000 homeless Veterans secure permanent

NAHRO's summer conference will be held July 27-29 in San Francisco.

Three SDHC partnership developments won honors at the annual Ruby Awards, presented

 Developed by Wakeland Housing and Development Corporation (Wakeland), Atmosphere apartments received the Ruby Award for Project of the Year in New Construction. This development provides 202 affordable rental apartments, of

which 51 are set aside for homeless San Diegans.

supportive services for homeless seniors.

SDHC Partners Receive Affordable Housing Awards

Award. It provides 75 new affordable rental apartments for low-income and homeless seniors and is the first such development for seniors in the City of San Diego to provide programs for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender residents. All three of these developments include permanent supportive housing units for homeless San Diegans that are an important part of HOUSING FIRST - SAN DIEGO, SDHC's

 <u>Talmadge Gateway</u>, also developed by Wakeland, was recognized with the CSH Supportive Housing Award. It includes 59 affordable rental housing units with

• North Park Seniors, developed by Community HousingWorks, earned two Ruby Awards: The Innovations Award and the SDG&E Efficiency and Sustainability

I invite your comments.

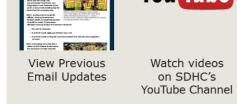
Sincerely,

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