2023 RUBY AWARDS: CATEGORIES AND CRITERIA

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For questions, please contact: Michelle Pranger, Director, Membership & Events

OUTSTANDING RESIDENT LEADER AWARD
This award recognizes an individual residing in affordable housing in our region who, over the past year, has played an important role in promoting the creation of more affordable housing and/or enhancing how affordable housing improves the lives of residents and local communities.

This individual is someone who has promoted the cause of affordable housing through advocacy with elected or appointed officials or bodies; by educating and mobilizing neighbors; and/or by serving as a spokesperson for affordable housing with the media or other public outlets.

Please be sure to describe what specific actions this individual has taken to become an exemplary resident leader. Please include any extra insight as to why this person should be more deserving than others.

Must submit a minimum of THREE (3) photos in a high res jpg/png format.

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO RESIDENTS AWARD
Any individual employee, volunteer, team or program of an affordable housing complex providing excellent service to residents. Examples of possible candidates might include property managers, resident services coordinators, maintenance workers, landscapers, daycare workers, and so on. Of particular interest are educators and educational programs which benefit and empower residents.

*Please note, this category is open to anyone in an affordable housing community providing excellent service to residents. This may include a volunteer, resident or other member of the community that provides excellent service to the residents. This award can apply to an individual or a team of individuals. Please include any extra insight as to why this person or project should be more deserving than others.

Must submit a minimum of THREE (3) photos in a high res jpg/png format.

EXCEPTIONAL DEVELOPMENT PARTNER AWARD
Architect, Attorney, Consultant, Engineer, General Contractor, Lender, Title Company, or other entity that provided unique or outstanding support on an affordable housing development project. Please make sure to describe how they provided the support on a project or projects and what made them an excellent team member for the development team.

We encourage nominators to highlight how nominees are mentoring their workforce, fostering a supportive working environment, and executing diversity and inclusion goals. Please be sure to highlight/add language for helping to mentor, create supportive working environment, providing leadership on diversity and inclusion.

Must submit a minimum of THREE (3) photos in a high res jpg/png format.

NOMINATION SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE ON FRIDAY, March 3rd, 2023
INNOVATIVE GOVERNMENT AGENCY OR ELECTED OFFICIAL AWARD
Governmental agency or elected official that took unusual risk or initiative to support affordable housing and/or community development initiatives in the past year. Any local, regional, state or federal governmental agency or elected official is eligible (regardless of where they are based) as long as their work substantially benefited affordable housing in the San Diego County region.
Must submit a minimum of THREE (3) photos in a high res jpg/png format.

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AWARD
This award recognizes an outstanding supportive housing project, organization, or individual leader in San Diego. Nominations are invited for housing developments completed in San Diego County between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022 (at least Temporary Certificate of Occupancy obtained in 2020) that have a focus on supportive services to enable people to end their homelessness, especially special needs populations including:
• People living with HIV/AIDS
• Child welfare involved families
• People with chronic health needs
• People with substance use disorders
• People with lived experience of mental illness

Nominations are also invited for individuals or organizations, including supportive housing tenants, advocates, and public or private partners that demonstrate innovation and leadership in the supportive housing movement.
Must submit a minimum of THREE (3) photos in a high res jpg/png format.
THE HEARTH STONE AWARD
The Hearth Stone represents the heart of the organization. This award recognizes a person within an organization and outside of the executive leadership who creates a welcoming and warm environment for other team members. This person is a leader within the organization and helps promote a culture of accomplishment and mentorship for a larger impact on the entire team. This person is critical to the retention and working environment of the team.

We encourage nominations to be for an individual who brings ideas and innovation to the affordable housing cause, an individual who is passionate about the work, and who will be remembered for their contributions. Must submit a minimum of THREE (3) photos in a high res jpg/png format.

RICH JUAREZ ADVOCATE AWARD
An individual whose integrity shines through in their leadership, activism, or community work in affordable housing. Honors the late Rich Juarez, a co-founder of the Housing Federation, and a lifelong community leader in affordable housing.

This individual is someone who used advocacy with elected or appointed officials or bodies; by educating and mobilizing communities or coalitions; and/or by serving as a leader for marginalized groups within affordable housing with the media or other public outlets. Must submit a minimum of THREE (3) photos in a high res jpg/png format.

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PROJECT OF THE YEAR – REHABILITATION
Affordable Housing Developments that was an acquisition/rehabilitation project completed in San Diego County between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022 (at least Temporary Certificate of Occupancy obtained in 2020).

Projects will be evaluated based on their overall design, neighborhood enhancement, promoting sense of community for residents, affordability levels, and overall project complexity (technical, political, funding, etc.).

Please include site plan/maps for each nominated project in order to see the context of the sites. Please include a “project at a glance” that includes the number of units, size of units, affordability levels, project address and funding sources.
**Must submit a minimum of THREE (3) photos in a high res jpg/png format.**

PROJECT OF THE YEAR – NEW CONSTRUCTION
Recognizes Affordable Housing Developments completed in San Diego County between January 1, 2022 and December 31, 2022 (at least Temporary Certificate of Occupancy obtained in 2022).

Projects will be evaluated based on their overall design, neighborhood enhancement, promoting sense of community for residents, affordability levels, and overall project complexity (technical, political, funding, etc.).

Please include site plan/maps for each nominated project in order to see the context of the sites. Please include a “project at a glance” that includes the number of units, size of units, affordability levels, project address and funding sources.
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