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Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing Named Developer of the Year

Arlington, VA (May 26, 2011) – The Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers ([HAND](#)) today awarded the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing ([APAH](#)) its highest tribute, “Developer of the Year.” This signature award recognizes the outstanding overall achievement of a nonprofit affordable housing developer in Maryland, Northern Virginia and Washington, DC. APAH received the award at HAND’s 20th Anniversary Meeting on May 26, 2011.

“We are thrilled to recognize APAH as this year’s Developer of the Year. APAH has been involved with so many innovative affordable housing projects in Arlington. It is easy to see why the judges selected them for this honor,” said HAND Executive Director Jill Norcross.

“We appreciate the broad and deep support APAH receives from Arlington’s civic leaders who believe in the value of a diverse, inclusive and caring community,” said APAH President/CEO Nina Janopaul. “We are honored to receive this Developer of the Year award in recognition of our growth as an innovative developer, our leadership role in the Arlington community and our maturity as a nonprofit organization committed to quality performance.”

In recent years APAH has intentionally focused development along Columbia Pike in anticipation of major market changes in this corridor. “Of the 9,119 rental units on Columbia Pike, 11% are Committed Affordable (CAFs),” Janopaul said. “Of the affordable units, APAH owns or is developing 40% or 441 units.” APAH’s affordable properties on Columbia Pike are the 208-unit [Columbia Grove Apartments](#) (1010 S. Frederick St.); 111-unit [Buchanan Gardens Apartments](#) (914 S. Buchanan St.), and proposed 122-unit [Arlington Mill Residences](#) (910 S. Dinwiddie St.).

An efficient developer, APAH embraces best building, finance and design practices. APAH is pioneering “Public Land for Public Good” at Arlington Mill Residences, a new construction development that should begin in 2012. This property will have a unique wing of eight efficiency units set aside for hard-to-house homeless individuals and will be District Energy Ready in anticipation of the County’s community energy plan. All three of APAH’s Columbia Pike properties meet [EarthCraft Virginia](#) standards for energy conservation and environmentally healthy living.

APAH is deeply committed to improving the lives of its residents. APAH’s grant-funded resident services program, launched at Columbia Grove in 2010, provides financial education, workplace skills, workshops to encourage healthy lifestyles and wellness and special events to build community.

APAH is a tireless advocate for affordable housing and increased energy efficiency and is actively engaged in the County’s planning process. APAH’s CEO is a leader in the Columbia Pike Land Use and Housing Study, a comprehensive planning process to enhance this corridor with high-quality, urban design and new light rail while preserving diversity and affordability. APAH staff also serves on the County’s Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force, the Task Force to End Homelessness and the Community Services Board.

HAND celebrated its 20th anniversary at the May 26 Annual Meeting at the Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC. HAND was formed in 1991, to support a professional community of housing providers in order to increase the supply of affordable housing in the Baltimore-Washington, D.C.-Richmond corridor. HAND's annual meeting is held each June and brings over 1,000 housing professionals together to hear a keynote speaker and witness the presentation of the HAND Housing Achievement Awards.

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APAH is a nonprofit that owns, develops, and preserves quality housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families. APAH is the only nonprofit affordable housing developer working exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps 861 households live in stable, secure and affordable rental homes. In 2009 APAH received the Innovation Award from the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) and in 2008 was named Best Nonprofit Small Business of the Year by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.