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Nominations Being Taken for Pennsylvania's 2010 Supportive Housing Award, Honoring Efforts to Increase Affordable and Innovative Housing

Harrisburg – Individuals and organizations that have taken a leading role in creating quality housing opportunities in Pennsylvania can be nominated for the commonwealth's 2010 Supportive Housing Award, Public Welfare Secretary Harriet Dichter announced today.

The award - sponsored by the Department of Public Welfare, Department of Aging and Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency - recognizes those who have made significant efforts to increase supportive housing in Pennsylvania, defined as housing that is:

- Safe and secure
- Affordable to its target population (not exceeding 30 percent of monthly household income)
- Capable of coordinating readily available, flexible and responsive services in the community
- Accessible to the elderly, those with disabilities and those with low incomes

"Pennsylvania has made solid progress with increasing supportive housing that provides housing and services that enable people to remain in their communities and move out of institutional settings," Secretary Dichter said. "The combination of affordable housing and supportive services such as case management, housekeeping assistance and help with skills of daily living, helps people maintain their independence. The Supportive Housing Award recognizes those who have shown leadership and innovation in creating new housing models and strategies."

Nominations are open to any individual or organization, public or private, including builders, architects, planners, public housing authorities, municipal governments, financial institutions and non-profits.

Nominations are being accepted through Sept. 15.

The winner of the award will be announced in November at the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania conference in Harrisburg.

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