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2010 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING AWARD

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GUIDELINES

I. Introduction

What is the Housing Award?

The annual Housing Award recognizes successful initiatives and honors the leadership and dedication of individuals – and organizations – who increase housing opportunities in Pennsylvania. These individuals and organizations have played a leadership role in the creation of housing that is accessible, affordable, and maximizes availability of services to tenants who need them. The effectiveness of supportive housing depends on a willingness to take risks and experiment with new models, approaches, and strategies.

The award is designed to:

- Showcase models of excellence in design, operations, and management of supportive housing.
- Highlight the unwavering commitment of nominees to transform the lives of current and future residents.
- Encourage additional supportive housing developments in Pennsylvania.
- Increase awareness of the need for housing and services to support state rebalancing efforts.¹

What is Supportive Housing?

Supportive housing is:

- Housing that connects and coordinates with available, flexible and responsive services in the community.
- Housing that offers accessibility features for individuals who need them.
- Affordable to the eligible target population (i.e. monthly rent and utilities do not exceed 30% of monthly household income).
- Permanent, not transitional. Occupancy is available as long as the tenant pays the rent and complies with the terms of the lease or applicable landlord/tenant laws in Pennsylvania.
- Safe and secure.

¹ State rebalancing efforts refers to the efforts to achieve balance between the number of people receiving community supports and services and the number of people in institutional care.

II. Who Can Be Nominated?

Individuals or organizations that have achieved exemplary results in creating supportive housing opportunities in Pennsylvania can be nominated.

Individuals should represent a public or private organization that has played a leadership role in the creation of supportive housing in Pennsylvania.

Organizations may include members of the housing and construction industry (i.e. builders, real estate developers, planners, architects, designers, engineers, and other related associations); public housing authorities; city or county governments; financial or lending institutions (i.e. banks, credit unions, trust companies, mortgage brokers and securities associations); and for-profit or non-profit entities engaged in supportive housing and services activities.

III. Criteria for Judging

Nominees should demonstrate:

- Housing with services that achieves the Commonwealth's goals of improving the quality of life for priority populations and supports community integration.
- A sustainable model of affordability that enables individuals and households with limited incomes to access high-quality housing.
- Complete accessibility and barrier-free living that maximizes flexibility and community integration.
- Innovation and creativity in developing housing models or effective use of technology and collaboration that achieves the above goals.

IV. Nomination Deadline and Acknowledgement

Nominations and supporting documentation must be submitted by e-mail only by **September 15, 2010**. Nomination packets should be e-mailed to: **ra-housingaward@state.pa.us**.

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent for timely submissions. Late or incomplete nominations will not be considered.

V. Selection Process and Criteria

Nominations will be reviewed by the Housing Award Committee to determine eligibility. Eligible nominees will be considered in September/October 2010.

Entries will be evaluated on the basis of merit and in accordance with the criteria specified in this document. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is interested in receiving nominations that demonstrate various ways to create supportive housing opportunities in Pennsylvania, regardless of the size of the project or program.

Decisions will be made by the Secretary of Public Welfare, Secretary of Aging, and the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. Decisions of this group will be final.

VI. Announcement of Winners

Winners will be announced at the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania Conference in Harrisburg in November 2010. The awardee will be recognized by the Secretary of Public Welfare, Secretary of Aging, and Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency during the awards celebration.

The awardee will also be announced to the local news media and, by letter, to representatives in Congress and the General Assembly.

The 2010 award winner will also serve on the Housing Award Committee in the following year and will have an opportunity to review and judge nomination packets in 2011. The 2010 award winner will be invited to the 2011 Housing Award presentation ceremony and be formally recognized during the ceremony.

VII. Additional Information

Additional information on any aspect of the 2010 Housing Award is available by e-mailing [**ra-housingaward@state.pa.us**](mailto:ra-housingaward@state.pa.us).

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NOMINATION FORM DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

I. NOMINEE INFORMATION			
Type of Nomination	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	<input type="checkbox"/> Organization	
Title of Nominee	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	
Name of Nominee			
Firm or Organization			
Position in Firm or Organization			
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	County
Telephone	Fax		
Email Address			

II. HOUSING INITIATIVE OR DEVELOPMENT			
Name of Housing Initiative or Development			
Development Address (if applicable)			
City	State	Zip	County
Date the Initiative was Completed or Initiated			

III. HOUSING INITIATIVE DETAILS

Select one:

- The initiative created affordable rental housing opportunities.
- The initiative created affordable homeownership opportunities.
- The initiative did not directly create affordable housing units.
- Other. Please provide a detailed description of the initiative in Section V.

Brief Description of the Housing Initiative. *(Please briefly describe the housing initiative or development, the role of the nominee, and how it has increased supportive housing opportunities in Pennsylvania.)*

IV. REASON FOR NOMINATION

(Please explain why you are nominating this person or organization for this award.)

V. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE HOUSING INITIATIVE

(In a separate document, please provide evidence of the success of the housing initiative, using the following questions to guide your responses. Please limit this description to two (2) pages and ensure that all pages are numbered and clearly labeled with the name of the person/organization being nominated. You may also attach electronic copies of supporting materials along with this nomination form, including, but not limited to pictures, journal articles, brochures, and newspaper articles.)

- a) In what ways and how effectively has the initiative addressed the principles of supportive and affordable housing? How sustainable is the affordability of the development? In what ways does the initiative increase supportive housing opportunities?
- b) How has it made a difference in the community? What were the needs of the community and how has this initiative addressed those needs? How has it contributed to the development of the overall community?
- c) In what ways is the initiative new/innovative in the region of its origin or in other parts of the state?
- d) To what extent is the initiative transferable locally, regionally, statewide, or nationally? Can some of the components be easily adapted, replicated, or applied somewhere else in Pennsylvania? How can others learn from this initiative?

VI. PERSON COMPLETING NOMINATION FORM

Title	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr.	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Mrs.	
Name			
Firm or Organization			
Position in Firm or Organization			
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	County
Telephone	Fax		
Email Address			

VII. DECLARATION

I have read and understand the Housing Awards Guidelines and conditions. I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the statements in this nomination form are true.

Electronic Signature *(Please type name.)*

Date of Submission

VIII. NOMINATION SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
2010 Housing Award

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