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## Three housing leaders honored during PHFA's Housing Forum

*Awards recognize their leadership in the affordable housing field*

**HARRISBURG** – The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency today recognized three affordable housing leaders during its Housing Forum conference at the Hilton Harrisburg.

Honored with the agency's Housing Pioneer Award were:

- Judee Bavaria, president and CEO, Presby's Inspired Life
- Vidhi Anderson, executive director of housing and land development, Presby's Inspired Life
- William Gatti, president and CEO, TREK Development Group

"The three people we recognize today are well known for their strong track records of achievement expanding affordable housing options for Pennsylvanians, and with these awards we express our gratitude for their lasting impact on the housing landscape in the commonwealth," said PHFA's Executive Director and CEO Brian A. Hudson Sr. "We thank them for their leadership, and we encourage others to be inspired by their example."

The three award winners were presented with engraved brass plates recognizing this honor.

PHFA's biennial Housing Forum provides professional development opportunities for people working in the housing field. Attendees participate in focused educational sessions and hear from nationally recognized speakers. The 2019 program of events included 26 educational sessions, four keynote presentations, a bus tour of a nearby affordable housing development, and a popular networking event. The conference ran May 8-9 and drew more than 650 attendees.

### About PHFA

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency works to provide affordable homeownership and rental housing options for older adults, low- and moderate-income families, and people with special housing needs. Through its carefully managed mortgage programs and investments in multifamily housing developments, PHFA also promotes economic development across the state. Since its creation by the legislature in 1972, it has generated more than \$14.2 billion of funding for more than 175,900 single-family home mortgage loans, helped fund the construction of 134,507 rental units, and saved the homes of nearly 49,690 families from foreclosure. PHFA programs and operations are funded primarily by the sale of securities and from fees paid by program users, not by public tax dollars. The agency is governed by a 14-member board.

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