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## **PHFA celebrates its top lending partners for 2023**

*CrossCountry Mortgage recognized with top honor*

**HARRISBURG** – The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency recently held its annual homeownership awards event celebrating its top lending partners for 2023, which took place at its headquarters in Harrisburg. These lenders play a key role in helping PHFA accomplish its mission by working with homebuyers through the application, processing, and closing of affordable PHFA home loans.

PHFA Executive Director and CEO Robin Wiessmann honored the lending organizations, thanking them for their role in making affordable PHFA home loan products available to Pennsylvania families and individuals.

“With rising costs in most areas of people’s lives, the American dream of owning a home may feel out of reach for many,” Wiessmann said. “The dedication of PHFA’s lending partners to promote our affordable mortgage loan options helps more Pennsylvanians still reach and attain that dream. We couldn’t do it without them. Thank you all for your partnership with PHFA.”

Also on hand to honor the top lenders and help present awards were Rick Siger, secretary of the Department of Community & Economic Development, and Paul Wentzel, Jr, senior legislative director for the Department of Banking and Securities.

Out of approximately 103 lending partners, the top 10 were honored during the event for their role in marketing and closing PHFA home loans in 2023. The winners received awards and framed certificates recognizing their outstanding loan performance.

The awardees are, in ranking order from number one to number 10: CrossCountry Mortgage; Mortgage America; PrimeLending, A PlainsCapital Company; Jersey Shore State Bank; Movement Mortgage; Guild Mortgage Company; Guaranteed Rate; Howard Hanna Financial Services; CMG Mortgage; and Meridian Bank.

Other lending partners were honored in special categories including: American Bank for Most PennVest Loans; PrimeLending, A PlainsCapital Company, for Most Loans to Veterans; Jersey Shore State Bank for Best Pre-Closing Submissions; Mortgage America for Best Post-Closing Submissions; CrossCountry Mortgage for Most Loans to Minorities and Most Keystone Forgivable-in-Ten-Years Loans (KFIT); and there was a three-way tie for Top Realtor by Meriles Joseph of Long & Foster, Haverford; Katiyah Whitaker of Domain Real Estate Group; and Sayuris Tavaréz of Allentown City Realty.

### 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 \$18.1 billion of funding for more than 198,000 single-family home mortgage loans, helped fund the construction of 103,328 rental units, distributed approximately \$289 million to support local housing initiatives, and saved the homes of more than 50,860 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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