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AN EXCITING NEW DIRECTION...

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PCHA programs recognized nationally by NAHRO

The PCHA is pleased to announce notification of two national Awards of Merit, named by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) in Housing and Community Development.

The first Award of Merit is for *Energy Efficiency and Going Green Implementation*. PCHA has been actively seeking ways to implement energy efficient standards and is committed to making cost-saving, energy-reducing improvements at all properties.

Through these efforts, the PCHA joined forces with Progress Energy and Tampa Electric to conduct energy inspections at every property. These assessments identified opportunities for energy efficient upgrades while partnering for innovative financing. PCHA's efforts have recently received national attention through its achievement of innovation in efficiency and "Green" implementation at our properties.

The second NAHRO Award of Merit is for the *Palm Lake Village Community Center* and it has also been nominated for the National Award of Excellence Competition! The state-of-the-art Community Center was designed to enhance resident's leisure time experiences through enriching recreational activities, giving them a sense of place. In addition, as part of the Authority's initiatives to go "Green", a variety of materials and systems have been implemented to save, reduce, reuse and recycle. The ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening of the Palm Lake Village Community Center was held on October 13, 2009 and it continues to garner local and national attention for its energy efficiencies.

PCHA received notification of these awards after passing a series of criteria including sustainability, innovation and financing.

The purpose of the NAHRO awards is to give national recognition to the achievement and innovation of agency members throughout the country while providing additional opportunities to inform the public of the best in housing and community development. Information and strategies from award recipients also will be used to support NAHRO's positions at HUD and in Congress.



The awards will be presented to the PCHA at NAHRO's national conference this summer in Boston. Stay tuned for more exciting news!

About Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA):

Formed in 1965 and governed by a five member Board of Commissioners appointed by the Governor of the State of Florida, the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) provides housing and rental assistance to a total of more than 4,500 families in Pinellas County. The authority is proud to be rated by HUD as a "High Performing" agency. More information about the authority's programs and services can be found at www.pin-cha.org.

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