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Promoting Quality Affordable Housing and Community  
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## **Affordable Housing Awards Presented to Developers, Advocates, Managers and Projects**

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San Diego – San Diego County's affordable housing community recognized 21 exceptional projects and performances tonight at the industry's 11<sup>th</sup> annual award event. The awards were sponsored by the San Diego Housing Federation.

Housing projects of the year were awarded in four categories. The winners were Leah Residence, Catholic Charities, San Diego for a special needs project; and La Costa Paloma, Dove Family Housing Associates, Community Housing Works and Mercy Housing West, Carlsbad for an inclusionary housing project. Rancho Buena Vista at Eastlake, Chelsea Investment Corporation, also received a merit award for inclusionary housing.

Hickory Heights, Habitat for Humanity, Escondido, was named Housing Project of the Year -- fewer than 50 units; and Via Roble, Trinity Housing and Wakeland Housing Development, Escondido, more than 50 units.

German Cruz, Hollywood Palms Apartments, City Heights, was named Resident Manager of the Year. Merit awards went to Cynthia Nunez, Cedar/Nettleton, Vista; Kim Shively, Villa Lakeshore, Lakeside; and Luisa Harrod, Villa Serena, San Marcos.

ACCORD, A Community Coalition for Responsible Development, received the Advocate of the Year award. They negotiated an agreement with JMI Development, the developers of Ballpark Village, that will result in 150 units of affordable rental housing, living wages for all employees at the proposed development and other concessions.

Merit awards were also presented to Pat Braendel, Fallbrook and Gregg Robinson, San Diego, in the Outstanding Advocate category.

Special recognition awards went to LINK San Diego, a group of University of San Diego students who did a research project that ended up as part of proposed changes in the City of San Diego's linkage fee; and Jennifer LeSar, LeSar Development and chair of the Centre City Development Corporation Board of Directors, for her exceptional leadership.

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The City of Escondido received the award for Outstanding Local Government in support of affordable housing. The John Craven Memorial Award went to Peter Armstrong of the San Diego Housing Commission. The award is given to a public employee for special efforts in facilitating affordable housing development.

Red Capital Markets, Inc. was recognized as Outstanding Development Partner. The merit award went to Trinity Housing Group. The SDG&E award for energy efficiency was presented to City Heights Community Development Corporation for its resident education program and energy retrofits of its apartment communities. Affirmed Housing received a merit award in this category for Creekside Trails Apartments.

The San Diego Housing Federation is a non-profit organization that provides education and advocacy on behalf of affordable housing development in San Diego County.