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South Carolina Housing Achievement Awards Presented at Statewide Affordable Housing Forum

Excellence in Community Development, Partnerships and Creative Solutions among the Highlights

[Columbia, SC]--**April 23, 2018**--The South Carolina State Housing Finance and Development Authority (SC Housing) presented its annual Housing Achievement Awards at the 23rd statewide Palmetto Affordable Housing Forum held at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Awards were presented to celebrate innovation, best practices, and excellence in the affordable housing arena.

Heritage at Sliding Rock in Greenville, SC was recognized in the **Housing Development Sector** category.

In the fall of 2014, a controlled implosion brought an end to the useful life of an old-style, 14 story senior housing center in Greenville's historic Nicholtown neighborhood. And though time had run out on this development, it also meant the end of 200 units of affordable senior apartments. But before the dust had settled, a redevelopment plan had taken shape, mustering the resources of The Greenville Housing Authority, Douglas Development and Schaumber Development of South Carolina and Tapestry Development Group of Georgia, joined by SC Housing, CAHEC, BB&T bank and HUD

The redevelopment involved the residents of the area in everything from the conceptual design to choosing the name—and Sliding Rock was a much loved recreation area for many of the longtime residents.

Today garden style apartments and cottage style duplexes blend seamlessly into the neighboring architecture. A historic neighborhood is proud again and seniors have a safe and inviting place to call home.

The award was accepted by Drew Schaumber of Schaumber Development and Ivory Mathews of The Greenville Housing Authority

Carolina Housing and Community Development Corporations of Rock Hill, SC received The **Organizational Sector Award**

The winners are dedicated to acquiring, constructing, rehabilitating owning and managing affordable housing for low to moderate income individuals and families and to promote comprehensive economic development. In 2015 the Housing Authority of Rock Hill donated its property in Great Falls, SC to this group. They quickly prepared applications for construction funding and were awarded \$500,000 by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta's Affordable Housing Program, along with \$430,000 from the Housing Authority of Rock Hill and \$483,000 of their own funds things began moving rapidly. On July 12, 2017, the ribbon was cut to welcome 25 new units to 800 Chester Avenue in Great Falls with 10% of the units providing permanent home to previously homeless individuals and families and 20% providing homes to veterans and their surviving spouses.

The Award was accepted by Mr. Dewayne Alford, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Rock Hill

Greenwood Area Habitat for Humanity and Greenwood City took The Creative Partnership Award

When Greenwood decided to develop a comprehensive Main Street Edgefield Corridor Master Plan to connect the Downtown area to the growing medical district, the Westside neighborhood found itself in the center of the development. This presented a wonderful chance for revitalization but also the possible end of a neighborhood's character and integrity. Seizing the opportunity, many groups began forge partnerships to bring about the best outcomes.

This group spearheaded a partnership that included Westside residents, the City of Greenwood, The Church of the Resurrection, Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church, Greenwood Partnership Alliance, the Self Family Foundation, Lowes, the Dept. of Commerce, and the SC Housing Neighborhood Improvement Program, along with elected officials from all levels and individuals and volunteers.

Funding was consolidated, plans were made and approved. Soon blighted and abandoned property was being demolished to make way for new construction.

In the end, they built not only new homes,--they built trust and partnerships that will bring even more energy into the redevelopment that continues to take place

The award was accepted by: Velma Wardlaw and William Auls, residents of the Westside Community where Habitat and Greenwood partnered.

SC Housing's Interim Executive Director Robert Wilson presented the awards.

(Photos available)

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