



## Press Release

### Housing Authority Wins National Merit Award for Affordable Grocery Delivery Program

Washington, D.C. (June 13, 2017) - The Saint Paul Public Housing Agency has been chosen as a recipient of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Awards of Merit: Resident and Client Services for its Affordable Grocery Delivery Program. The official presentation of the award will take place in Indianapolis, Ind. July 17 during NAHRO's Summer Conference.

“NAHRO's Awards of Merit program is a tremendous way for housing and community development officials to discover and learn from their colleagues' success stories, it is a true recognition of the great work being done all across this nation by local housing authorities and community development agencies.” NAHRO President Steve Merritt says.

The Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) and the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation (Wilder) have partnered to provide affordable grocery delivery service to public housing residents through Wilder's Twin Cities Mobile Market (TCMM) Program. The TCMM, a mobile grocery store on wheels, brings affordable, healthy food to seven PHA locations each week. Residents with limited mobility or transportation options, or who live in neighborhoods with limited food access, can step out their front door and onto the bus to find a variety of quality, low-cost nutritional options.

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The 2017 NAHRO Awards of Merit recognize outstanding achievement in housing and community development programs in five categories. *Administrative Innovation* recognizes innovative methods in areas such as maintenance, community relations, and interagency cooperation. *Program Innovation — Affordable Housing* includes special programs for homeownership, public/private partnerships, and innovative financing. *Program Innovation — Community Revitalization* includes innovative use of programs in areas such as economic development, neighborhood preservation, and creative financing. *Program Innovation — Resident and Client Services* includes innovative use of programs such as special activities for children, families, and the elderly, anti-drug programs, social services, and self-sufficiency. *Project Design* includes efforts such as new housing design, housing modernization, enduring design, and landscape design.

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### About NAHRO

NAHRO, established in 1933, is a membership organization of 20,000 housing and community development agencies and professionals throughout the United States whose mission is to create affordable housing and safe, viable communities that enhance the quality of life for all Americans, especially those of low- and moderate-income. NAHRO's membership administers more than 3 million housing units for 7.6 million people.

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### Housing Authority Wins National Merit Award for St. Paul Public Housing Agency: Walking Program

Washington, D.C. (June 13, 2017) - The Saint Paul Public Housing Agency has been chosen as a recipient of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Awards of Merit: Resident and Client Services for its St. Paul Public Housing Agency: Walking Program. The official presentation of the award will take place in Indianapolis, Ind. July 17 during NAHRO's Summer Conference.

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"Walk with a Doc" is a partnership between the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA) and Allina Health United Hospitals designed to improve community health and social well-being by inviting residents to come together for monthly group walks. A guest healthcare provider joins each month to talk about a current health topic and walk with the residents. These 30-minute walks are for all ages and abilities, and the event rotates to a different public housing site each month. Since the program's inception in October 2015, a total of 118 residents have participated in seven events.

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