

NCSHA 2016 Annual Awards Entry Form

(Complete one form for each entry)

Deadline: Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Visit ncsha.org/awards to view the Annual Awards Call for Entries.

Instructions: Type entry information into the form and save it as a PDF. Do not write on or scan the form. If you have any questions contact awards@ncsha.org or 202-624-7710.

Fill out the entry name *exactly* as you want it listed in the program.

Entry Name: _____

HFA: _____

Submission Contact: (Must be HFA Staff Member) _____ **Email:** _____

Please provide a 15-word (maximum) description of your nomination to appear on the NCSHA website.

Use this header on the upper right corner of each page:

HFA: _____

Entry Name: _____

Select the appropriate subcategory of your entry and indicate if you are providing visual aids.

Communications	Homeownership	Legislative Advocacy	Management Innovation
Annual Report	Empowering New Buyers	Federal Advocacy	Financial
Creative Media	Encouraging New Production	State Advocacy	Human Resources
Promotional Materials and Newsletters	Home Improvement and Rehabilitation		Operations
			Technology
Rental Housing	Special Needs Housing	Special Achievement	Are you providing visual aids?
Encouraging New Production	Combating Homelessness	Special Achievement	Yes
Multifamily Management	Housing for Persons with Special Needs		No
Preservation and Rehabilitation			

NCHSA 2016 ANNUAL AWARDS
ENTRY CATEGORY: SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT
SUBMITTED FOR: ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION

Research

New home construction across Alaska has been on a decline for more than three decades. Building peaked in the late 1970s and early '80s when more than half of Alaska's current housing stock went up. Alaska Housing Finance Corporation's (AHFC) goal is to provide access to safe, affordable and quality housing for all Alaskans, an important need for the greater Alaska community. Ridgeline Terrace, an affordable housing complex in East Anchorage, combines low-income apartments with market-rate units, integrating residents from all backgrounds into one cohesive community. The complex provides residents with onsite daycare, a community center, a playground and energy-efficient heating sources as well as solar panels.

Analysis/Planning

AHFC wanted to introduce its newest affordable housing unit with a special event for future residents and neighbors. The objective was to welcome the residents to the community and show dignitaries in Anchorage the potential of an affordable housing complex, and to honor Jewel Jones, a former board member of AHFC, an Alaska Women's Hall of Fame alumnae and an influential public servant force in the Anchorage community and the neighborhood where the complex was constructed.

The entire process of planning the building involved a community effort with partners such as Cook Inlet Housing Authority overseeing the tenant rental process; Kids' Corp., providing childcare services; Rasmuson Foundation contributing charitable funding; and other partners, including tax credit and other investors. It was therefore fitting that the open house celebrate would be community oriented as well.

Communication/Execution

Community members from all over Anchorage were invited to celebrate the grand opening of Ridgeline Terrace. Guests enjoyed a tour of the new property, including family and senior housing units. Keynote speakers were in a packed room at the Jewel Jones Community Center and featured remarks from U.S. Senator Dan Sullivan, Cook Inlet Housing Authority President Carol Gore, AHFC CEO and Executive Director Bryan Butcher and Jewel Jones. To further engage guests, AHFC offered light refreshments from neighborhood establishments and iPads were available at kiosks that hosted the corporation's 2015 annual report and an interactive quiz that tested guests' knowledge of energy efficiency and cost-saving opportunities which were incorporated into Ridgeline Terrace's building plan.

Evaluation

AHFC was successful in partnering with Cook Inlet Housing Authority and Kids' Corp. to provide 70 families and seniors in the Anchorage community with safe, affordable, energy-efficient housing that will help ease the housing crunch in Anchorage. And Ridgeline Terrace was the biggest housing project AHFC constructed since 1988. The opening of Ridgeline Terrace garnered media attention from print, radio and television publications as well as attendance from federal, state and local dignitaries and community members.

In January 2016,
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
unveiled
Ridgeline Terrace,
an affordable, energy-efficient housing
unit serving
families and seniors
in the
Mountain View community.



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