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Earlier today we co-presented the [2020 Indiana Housing Conference](#) virtually along with the [Indiana Affordable Housing Council](#) (IAHC). In addition to a series of important sessions, we held our annual awards program. I want to take a moment to highlight each of this year's award recipients.

Lt. Governor's Excellence in Affordable Housing Awards



Urban Housing

Area IV Development and RealAmerica Development's H38 East Apartments in Lafayette are designed to provide those who desire to improve their life and break the bonds of generational poverty an affordable place to live with access to affordable transportation, education and training opportunities. Area IV Development and RealAmerica Development worked hard since being selected as

one of the Moving Forward 2.0 teams to make sure the apartment community exceeded the Moving Forward 2.0 goals. Since H38 East Apartments opened in February 2020, one can see the impact these goals have had on the families living in the apartments.



Rural Housing

Rushville's 2016 Stellar Communities Designation provided the Southern Indiana Housing Community Development Corporation and Milestone Ventures with the housing tax credits needed to invest eight million dollars in renovations to two buildings in the city's downtown historic district. Today, The Campaign Quarters building consists of 19 one and two-bedroom rental units for senior citizens 55 and older and The Windsor houses 7 one and two-bedroom rental units without age restriction. These two notable buildings have had a presence in the community for over 170 years. The Campaign Quarters development is a perfect illustration of the hardships of

downtown Rushville over time and the recent resurgence that has breathed life back into Rushville's downtown.



Senior Housing

The Town of Plainfield was specifically sought by Keller Development as the location for Kinnley Court, an affordable senior housing community, because of the town's unprecedented growth and need for rental housing. At the time of development, Plainfield had not seen new affordable housing developed in the previous 20 years. Services for Kinnely Court residents are coordinated by the property manager and partners within Hendricks County and the Indianapolis metropolitan area. Kinnley Court has become a model for what affordable housing can look like, and the community has expressed its desire to create more affordable housing opportunities like it. The development leased up almost immediately.



Special Needs Housing

The City of Lafayette had a great need for permanent supportive housing for people experiencing homelessness. So city officials partnered with LTHC Homeless Services early on to determine the most suitable location to empower residents and create a mixed-use housing and social services destination. Union Place Apartments offers a comprehensive set of resources to people experiencing homelessness, including its formerly homeless tenants. LTHC's Homeless Engagement Center on the first floor of the development is a one-stop shop that offers intake and assessment, information and referral services along with recreation and a variety of other educational programs. According to the award nomination, the single greatest positive impact of Union Place Apartments so far has been its ability to house 42 formerly homeless individuals within five days of its opening.

In addition to highlighting the best new affordable housing developments in the state, we also recognized two individuals at this year's awards program for their contributions to the affordable housing and community development industry in Indiana:

Individual Awards



Outstanding Resident Volunteer Award

Ms. Willie Dearing has served as the Board President for SB Mutual Homes Cooperative since 2016. She holds monthly board meetings and member training seminars with guest speakers. She worked with the Notre Dame Law clinic to form SBMH as its own 501c3. She has organized a block party at SBMH community friendship park where state and local funders came in addition to local community residents. The co-op has formed a community garden that is resident managed as well. Ms. Willie continues to work every day to building up and improving the co-op for its members and the community. According to her award nomination, she daily exhibits leadership that is transparent and effective. She reaches out to all co-op members to ensure each member has an opportunity to be heard and be included.



Leadership Award

Anne Mannix has spent the last 30+ years developing affordable housing. From 1990 to 1997, she was an employee of South Bend Heritage Foundation and coordinated financing for the development of several local projects including Robertson's Apartments, Heritage Homes Southeast and West Washington Homes. After that, she started a consulting business,

Neighborhood Development Associates (NDA). Over the last 20+ years, NDA has worked with partners to obtain financing for over 1,000 affordable homes and apartments. Some of those projects include the YWCA of St. Joseph County, Hope Rescue Mission Women's Apartments, and Dogwood Estates in Walkerton. According to her award nomination, Anne is taking the lead on community affordable housing. She has shown what it means to be part of and care for your community.

I want to thank the IAHC for all their work in coordinating the 2020 Indiana Housing Conference this year and all they are doing to support the affordable housing industry in our state.

I continue to appreciate your support, partnership and understanding during this time. As you can imagine, our team is very focused on helping individuals financially impacted by COVID-19. While we remain committed to our high standard of customer service, as I mentioned last week, it is taking us a little longer than normal for us to get back with you. Thank you for your continued patience.

Jake

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Social distancing is the most important, effective tool we have to defeat COVID-19—and a growing coalition of Indiana-based partners is committed to equipping everyone in our state with the knowledge and the resources to stay connected and motivated. Here's how you can join the fight, play your part and keep us working together. Join us in using the **#INthis together**.

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