COUNTY AWARDS 28 PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION 8 PARTICIPANTS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Housing Authority Resident Scholarships will Help Low-income Individuals Attend a 4-year University, Community College, or Vocational Program

Alhambra, August 28, 2013 – As the new school year starts, many families are faced with the challenge of paying fees for tuition, books, and transportation. Through a partnership between the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA) and the Los Angeles County Community Development Foundation (CDF), 28 individuals who participate in HACoLA’s Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs received assistance to help make their educational and career goals a reality.

This year, over 50 Section 8 participants and Public Housing residents submitted applications for the Housing Authority Resident (HAR) Scholarship to the CDF. Each
applicant was carefully screened and 28 awardees were selected. With the support of Union Bank, and other generous donors, the 28 awardees will receive grants valued at $750 or $1,000, to be used to attend a 4-year university, community college, or vocational program. The scholarship awards can be used toward tuition, books, equipment such as computers, and any other school related expenses.

This year's awardees will attend 4-year schools such as the University of California at Berkley, California State University, Los Angeles, Whittier College, Cornell, Pepperdine, and DePaul University in Chicago; as well as local colleges in East Los Angeles, and Long Beach. Students will pursue careers in criminal justice, medicine, social work, nursing, and engineering, among others.

Sean Rogan, HACoLA Executive Director stated, “It is an honor to celebrate the commitment these young men and women have made to bettering their future. Education is the key to success, and HACoLA, its employees, and partners are happy to support them in achieving their goals.”

The CDF partners with HACoLA to achieve its mission of “Inspiring Public Housing and Section 8 Residents by Providing Life Changing Opportunities.” It is dedicated to improving the quality of life of low-income persons. Since 1997, the CDF has provided scholarships to nearly 200 students pursuing a higher education.

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