PUBLIC HOUSING YOUTH RECIPIENT OF NATIONAL NAHRO AWARD

Nohemi Taguite One of 13 National Winners of “What Home Means to Me” Poster Contest

Alhambra, October 1, 2014 – Nohemi Taguite, a 12-year old resident of the Nueva Maravilla Public Housing Development, owned and operated by the Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles (HACoLA), was named one of 13 national winners of the 2015 “What Home Means to Me Contest” sponsored by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO).

This year, NAHRO received more entries than ever in the contest’s six-year history, which was open for children from kindergarten through grade 12 who live in low-income and assisted housing. Hundreds of vibrant and eloquent entries from housing authorities across the country were reviewed by the blue-ribbon panel of judges, which included representatives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as well as members of Congress. Nohemi’s entry stood out as an exemplary depiction of the theme.
As a national winner, Nohemi’s artwork will be featured in NAHRO’s 2015 “What Home Means to Me” calendar, which is shared with all members of Congress, local leaders, and NAHRO membership. Additionally, she will be awarded a $100 U.S. Savings Bond from the U.S. Treasury following the conclusion of NAHRO’s national conference. All award winners will also be spotlighted in a short presentation during the conference’s closing plenary scheduled to take place October 18, 2014, in Baltimore, Maryland.

“We are extremely proud of Nohemi. This is a wonderful accomplishment for her and we are delighted that her talents will be showcased at a national level,” said Sean Rogan, HACoLA Executive Director.

Nohemi and her family have lived at Nueva Maravilla for the past 11 years. Located in East Los Angeles, it is one of HACoLA’s largest public housing developments, with over 500 family and senior units. The agency administers both the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs in Los Angeles County.

NAHRO, established in 1933, is a membership organization of 23,000 housing and community development agencies and professionals throughout the U.S. 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.

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