NAHRO Poster Contest

"What a Home Means to Me"

















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Local Teen Wins National Poster Contest

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Anastasia Hendrix, a high school age resident of Deskins Commons, has been selected as one of only 13 winners in the annual "What Home Means to Me" poster calendar contest. Her work will be featured in the 2019 annual "What Home Means to Me" calendar. The poster contest is part of the Housing America campaign, which was begun by the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) as a way to call attention to the national need for decent, safe, affordable housing in sustainable communities.

'It is always a pleasure to see the work of these talented artists," said NAHRO CEO Adrianne Todman. "Their eloquent and heartfelt messages about their homes underscore the important work of the housing industry."

For nearly 10 years, the poster calendar contest has provided a platform for talented young artists who live in affordable housing. Hundreds of children, ages 5-18, submitted their posters to local competitions held by public housing authorities nationwide. Each piece of art visually shares the child's thoughts on what their home means to them. A panel of judges chose 13 national winners, which will all be featured in the 2019 "What Home Means to Me" calendar.

The winning artworks are being showcased online at the <u>Housing America website</u> and on NAHRO's Twitter account at <u>@nahronational</u>. The grand prize winner's poster, which will grace the cover of the 2019 calendar, was revealed at NAHRO's National Conference and Exhibition in Atlanta, Ga. Afterwards, the grand prize winner was given the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C. to tour the Capitol, meet their state representatives, and be an ambassador for affordable housing.

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About Housing America

Housing America is a public awareness campaign that raises national awareness of the need for and importance of safe, quality, affordable housing through education, advocacy, and empowerment. Now celebrating its 11th year, the campaign's activities include the annual "What Home Means to Me" poster calendar contest and Housing America Month, which is celebrated each October.



About NAHRO

NAHRO, established in 1933, is a membership organization of almost 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.