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Dr. Laverne Joseph Named Pioneer in Affordable Housing

Long Beach, CA – The Affordable Housing Management Association of Northern California and Hawaii (AHMA-NCH) has named Dr. Laverne Joseph its **Pioneer in Affordable Housing** awardee. This award recognizes individuals who have been a true leader and a pioneer in the affordable housing industry in Northern California and Hawaii.

“I am honored to receive this award. I believe that everyone needs a good and affordable place to live,” said Joseph. “It has been demonstrated that affordable housing makes a difference in a person’s quality of life and health, saving individuals and the government (taxpayers) money.”

Dr. Joseph will be recognized at their annual conference dinner on September 9th at the Oakland Marriott City Center in Oakland, California.

Dr. Joseph has been the President and CEO of Retirement Housing Foundation (RHF), a national non-profit organization, for more than 30 years.

With more than 50 years of experience in the affordable housing field, Joseph has been recognized by various organizations for his exemplary leadership, his commitment to creating the future for aging services, and his lifetime advocacy work in providing safe, secure affordable housing for thousands of seniors, families and individuals with disabilities.

He is a founding member of the National Affordable Housing Trust (NAHT), serves on LeadingAge California's Public Policy Committee and Affordable Housing Cabinet, frequently addresses professional service organizations and churches regarding various housing and social service programs and issues, and has testified twelve (12) times before Senate and Housing committees on issues concerning national housing and services legislation.

For his resolute and tenacious work in affordable housing, Dr. Joseph has gained national stature, respect and recognition in the fields of senior and affordable housing.

Joseph is a 1960 graduate of Ursinus College (Collegeville, PA) and 1964 graduate from Lancaster Seminary (Lancaster, PA). He is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ.

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RHF's mission is to provide various housing options and services for older adults, low-income families, and persons with disabilities, in an environment which enhances their quality of life – physically, mentally, and spiritually. RHF is committed to serving its residents and their local communities.

RHF has 197 communities in 29 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. More than 22,500 people call an RHF community "home."

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The Affordable Housing Management Association of Northern California and Hawaii (AHMA-NCH) is a non-profit, professional organization of property management companies and owners who specialize in the development and operation of multifamily affordable housing.

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