

GHA Wins National Merit Awards for Bowling for the Ages and Teens Trained for Greatness

The Greensboro Housing Authority has been chosen as a recipient of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) Awards of Merit: Resident and Client Services for two of its resident programs - Bowling for the Ages and Teens Trained for Greatness. The official presentation of the awards will take place in Indianapolis, Ind. July 17 during NAHRO's Summer Conference.



A lack of mobility and transportation, a feeling of isolation, and an income that does not support program fees all hamper the delivery of programs and services to seniors living in the Greensboro Housing Authority's three senior affordable housing communities. Bowling for the Ages addresses these challenges by allowing senior residents the opportunity to be part of a team competing for national recognition in the Wii Bowling Senior League. The benefits of the program, which are held in each senior community, have been amazing with seniors reporting improvements in social, physical and mental well-being and increased confidence in their abilities.

Teens Trained for Greatness works to empower GHA youth. These youth live in areas of concentrated poverty with few role models in their neighborhood to guide them towards a positive future. Program fees and lack of transportation also keep the youth from area leadership-building programs. With the guidance of GHA staff and partners, Teens Trained for Greatness (TTG) empowers youth to select, plan, and promote activities that develop leadership skills and access to positive outcomes. The growth of the program by 50% in four months and individual success stories illustrate TTG's positive results.

“NAHRO's Awards of Merit program is a tremendous way for housing and community development officials to discover and learn from their colleagues' success stories, it is a true recognition of the great work being done all across this nation by local housing authorities and community development agencies.” NAHRO President Steve Merritt says.



“With large budget cuts agencies still find housing needs for their citizens. The winners of the Award of Merit showcase their dedication and the ambitious spirit of NAHRO members,” says NAHRO CEO Adrienne Todman.