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24th Annual NJ Supportive Housing Conference 2022

St. Paul the Apostle Senior Housing - Edison

The Pinnacle - Fort Lee

2021 Housing Project of the Year Winners

Nomination Form

Supportive Housing Project of the Year

Have you or someone you know completed a supportive housing project that demonstrates excellence? Is the project designed to serve special needs populations such as homeless, victims of domestic violence, persons with mental, physical or developmental disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, US veterans, older adults, youth aging out of foster care, etc.

Projects eligible for nomination must have obtained their Certificate of Occupancy after April 2021 or will be completed before December 2022. This award recognizes an outstanding supportive housing project large or small. All projects must adhere strictly with SHA's definition of supportive housing discussed in greater detail in the Award Nomination Introduction.

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GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS

What is the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey Awards?

The annual Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey (SHA) Awards recognize successful initiatives, and honor the leadership and dedication of outstanding individuals and organizations that increase permanent supportive housing opportunities for special populations in New Jersey. These individuals and organizations play a leadership role in the creation of housing that is supportive, accessible, and affordable while maximizing the supportive services available to the residents who need them. The effectiveness of supportive housing depends on the willingness to take risks and experiment with ground breaking approaches and strategies. At SHA we believe that supportive housing models will continue to evolve to a place where there will be many more options both in architectural design and federal/state policies that will accommodate more innovation and the mixing of public and private dollars to expand the industry. The awards showcase models of excellence in design, operations and management of supportive housing. The awards are designed to highlight the unwavering commitment of the nominees to transform the lives of those with special needs in order to inspire others and increase awareness for the need for housing and supportive services. We encourage you to complete nomination forms for one or more the categories noted and share the success stories occurring every day in supportive housing.

What is Supportive Housing?

Supportive housing is permanent, affordable, lease-based housing for people of low income with access to flexible supportive services. Supportive housing is designed for people with special needs including those with mental, physical and developmental disabilities as well as people who are homeless. Supportive housing provides a safe, affordable home with access to support services so that individuals can live as independently as possible in communities of their choice. Supportive housing can be found in a variety of settings, in different constellations, and may include scattered site apartments, individual apartments, shared apartments as well as (more rarely) home ownership. Some supportive housing exists in affordable housing complexes that are often integrated with non-disabled individuals/families. Supportive services can vary but often include case management, care coordination, job and education coaching, assistance with daily living skills, transportation assistance, access to public entitlements and crisis intervention.

Award Nomination Process

You can nominate your own organization, another organization, an individual or a group who has contributed to supportive housing in New Jersey. Resubmissions of past nominations are welcome. Please see the award criteria listed for each award category for specific eligibility requirements.

All nominations must be received by 4:00 pm on September 9, 2022.
Award winners will be notified by September 23, 2022.

The SHA Awards Committee will review all fully completed nomination forms. The Committee will judge nominees according to the criteria described under each award. The decisions made by the Awards Committee are based the information received within each nomination entry packet, including supplementary materials. Any members of the SHA Awards Committee with a personal connection or association with any nomination shall not participate in the review and discussion of that particular nomination. Awards will be presented during the 24th Annual Conference held at The Palace in Somerset on November 4, 2022.

Supportive Housing Project (2 Projects will receive awards)

All projects being considered for nomination must meet a majority of the following criteria:

- Provides permanent, affordable, lease-based housing to special needs populations.
- Enables tenants to live as independently as possible in the community.
- Promotes diversity, social inclusion, integration, and adds to the quality of life for the residents and the surrounding community.
- Offers residents a full range of independent life choices and supportive service programs to assist tenants to move towards independence and self-sufficiency.
- Is in close proximity to transportation, employment opportunities, and health/wellness services.
- Incorporates design excellence that addresses the needs of the tenants.
- Employs cost-effectiveness including energy efficiency and sustainable development.
- Additional points will be offered for nominations that set a new standard or incorporate a new idea, technology, design, device or method that is forward thinking and that has impact on community development, revitalization and collaboration.
- Received broad community support.
- Utilizes innovative partnerships
- Addresses a unique challenge and demonstrates creative problem solving.

Reminder, SHA will contact Project Award finalists for additional information at a later date.

Award Recipients should be available for Conference Award Ceremony on November 4, 2022 at The Palace in Somerset.

Submission Directions:

Please complete the information requested below and answer the following questions thoroughly and supply all information requested including any additional required documentation. Please mail or email additional supporting materials.

Upon completion, please save this file and send the file to **SHA-conference@shanj.org** with your agency name and type of nomination in the subject line. If you require additional room please submit a separate Word file. If you need assistance in completing the nomination or are having difficulty completing it (your computer's Adobe program may be out of date), please contact Joseph Christensen at **j.christensen@shanj.org**.

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Nominator

Name: _____

Organization/Company:_____

Telephone:_____ E-Mail:_____

Nominee

Project Name: _____

Project Address: _____

Project County:_____ Contact Person:_____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail:_____

Project Team

Please provide the contact information for the team members noted below as applicable. Information is necessary to ensure all members are included in communications regarding the awards as well as receiving an invitation to the conference and award ceremony.

Developer: _____ Phone:_____
Address: _____
Contact:_____ Email:_____
Supportive Service Provider: _____ Phone:_____
Contact:_____ Email: _____
Housing Consultant: _____ Phone:_____
Contact: _____ Email: _____
Architect: _____ Phone:_____
Contact: _____ Email: _____
Civil Engineer: _____ Phone:_____
Contact: _____ Email: _____
General Contractor: _____ Phone:_____
Contact: _____ Email: _____
Financing Partners:_____ Phone:_____
Contact: _____ Email: _____
Other Professional Partners: _____ Phone: _____
Contact: _____ Email: _____

Basic Project Information

Type of Construction:
- ☐ New
- ☐ Renovation/Rehabilitation/Preservation Historic
- ☐ Other

If other, please describe:_____

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Total Number of Dwelling Units: _____

Total Number of Supportive Housing Units: _____

Unit Types (1 br, 2br, SRO, etc.): _____

Average Unit Square Footage: _____

Date of Construction Commencement*: _____

Date of Construction Completion*:_____

Funding Sources: _____

Does the project have any funding tied to NJ Sandy Relief Funds?
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

**Reminder, projects eligible for nomination must have obtained their Certificate of Occupancy after April 2021 or will be completed before December 2022.*

Project Overview

In 600 words describe the project you are nominating and 2 or 3 compelling features of the project which merits the nomination. Use simple language and avoid jargon where possible. This description may be edited and included in the 2022 SHA Conference program and other marketing materials related to the SHA Awards.

Please send all additional supportive materials to Diane Riley at 185 Valley Street, South Orange, NJ 07079 or email them to SHA-conference@shanj.org

Please use the following page for your description.

Questions

All questions regarding the nomination process can be directed to Diane Riley at **Diane.Riley@shanj.org** or **SHA-conference@shanj.org**

For more information, please see our website: www.shanj.org