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Pennsylvania Seeks Nominations for 2012 Supportive Housing Award

Award Honors Efforts that Help Residents with Disabilities Live Independently

Harrisburg – Individuals and organizations that are creating quality housing opportunities for Pennsylvanians with disabilities can be nominated for the state's 2012 Supportive Housing Award. Nominations are due by Aug. 17.

The award is sponsored by the departments of Public Welfare and Aging and the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency. It recognizes significant efforts to increase the availability of supportive housing for individuals with disabilities, including older Pennsylvanians.

Supportive housing is defined as:

- Safe and secure;
- Affordable to its target population (not exceeding 30-percent of monthly household income);
- Capable of coordinating readily available, flexible and responsive services in the community; and
- Accessible to older adults, those with disabilities and those with low incomes.

The combination of affordable housing and supportive services, such as case management and housekeeping assistance, helps Pennsylvanians maintain their independence. The Supportive Housing Award recognizes those who have shown leadership and innovation in creating new housing models and strategies.

Any individual or organization, public or private, including builders, architects, planners, public housing authorities, municipal governments, financial institutions and non-profits can apply for recognition.

The award winner will be announced in December during the Housing Alliance of Pennsylvania's annual conference in Harrisburg.

For more information about the award, please email: RA-housingaward@pa.gov.

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