

## STAKEHOLDER ANNOUNCEMENT

### USDA Announces the 2018 Multi-Family Housing Program Site Managers and Maintenance Person of the Year Awardees

ARLINGTON, VA June 20, 2018 — Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Service Administrator Joel Baxley today announced the selection of the National Multi-Family Housing Site Managers and Maintenance Person of the Year for 2018. The awards were presented in front of Rural Development staff and family members of the winners at the Council for Affordable and Rural Housing's (CARH) Annual Meeting.

Site managers and maintenance personnel are an essential component of success for the nearly 424,400 rural rental housing units funded by Rural Development loans. They ensure a smooth day-to-day operation of the housing properties they manage, and they often invest their own free time and resources for the low-income families, elderly residents, and farm workers they serve.

This year, the awards were presented for four categories: Family Housing, Elderly Housing, Farm Labor Housing, and Maintenance Person of the Year. A panel of housing professionals from CARH and representatives from Rural Development made the selections. The winners were selected from 40 nominations spanning 18 states.

These are the 2018 Awardees:

- **Family Housing—Erika Keaton (Apple Hill Apartments)**
  - Premier Management LLC, Jackson, Ohio — 40 units
- **Elderly Housing—Carla Hutto (Williston Elderly Apartments)**
  - GEM Management LLC, Williston, South Carolina — 24 units
- **Farm Labor Housing—Lizbeth Lozano (Sugarloaf Apartments)**
  - Partnership Property Management, Hendersonville, North Carolina — 44 units
- **Maintenance Person of the Year—Steve Anderson (Village Apartments of Seymour I)**
  - Village Management Company, Inc., Seymour, Indiana — 24 units

Selection criteria for these awards were based upon tenant satisfaction with the manager or maintenance person, curb appeal of the property, timeliness and competency of maintenance, accurate and complete recordkeeping with no incidents of noncompliance, and actions of the manager consistently above and beyond the required duties of the job.

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