

2009 BRIAN MICKELSEN HOUSING HERO AWARD

Elected Official

Hon. Janice K. Brewer Governor, State of Arizona

This year's Elected Official award recipient is Governor Janice K. Brewer for her dedication to affordable housing during an especially difficult budget year. Facing complete and permanent elimination, the Housing Trust Fund, the only state resource devoted to addressing Arizona's housing related needs, was all but lost during the most difficult budget negotiations in state history. Governor Brewer came through as a champion for housing when she sought to ensure that the Housing Trust Fund resources would continue to be available in the future to address the most critical housing needs in Arizona.

Governor Brewer's commitment to housing issues began long before she became Governor. Some of her past accomplishments include serving as the co-chair for the Maricopa County Continuum of Care dealing with homeless issues that affect the greater Phoenix metropolitan area. She also served as one of the leading voices for the creation of the Human Services Campus, a groundbreaking homeless campus which annually serves thousands of homeless individuals in Maricopa County.

The Department of Housing is pleased to celebrate Governor Brewer's efforts to ensure that all Arizonans have a safe and decent place to call home.



Recognizes the contribution of an elected official (or body of elected officials) within a city, county, state, Federal or Tribal government in Arizona whose actions within their electorate contributed to the development or improvement of housing that is affordable, or the development or improvement of infrastructure necessary to maintain housing.



Enterprise Community Investment, Inc.

2009 BRIAN MICKELSEN HOUSING HERO AWARD

Local Initiatives

Arizona Housing Alliance

The Arizona Housing Alliance was born out of concern that Arizona's diverse housing community needed a mechanism for a stronger and more unified voice that could protect and advance affordable housing issues. In early 2008, Teresa Brice of LISC Phoenix and Sylvia Urrutia of LaRaza Development Fund took the initiative to launch this new statewide organization that advocates for quality housing that Arizonans can afford.

By the end of its first year of existence, the Arizona Housing Alliance had secured funds and an operating budget, elected a functioning board and hired Val Iverson as the new full time director.

Those involved in affordable housing, especially those in the far flung rural areas, understand the need for a unified voice in the Legislature and to get their message out to the public.

The Arizona Housing Alliance will make a difference and they have been selected to receive the 2009 Housing Hero Award in the category of Local Initiatives.



Teresa Brice and Sylvia Urrutia; a Arizona Housing Alliance organizational meeting in Phoenix



Recognizes efforts that create, improve, or promote affordable housing. Eligible nominations include 1) housing construction or rehabilitation (rental or homeownership), 2) planning efforts or practices, 3) a coordinated community development or neighborhood revitalization strategy with a housing element, or 4) activities focused on leadership and/or education relating to affordable housing.

2009 BRIAN MICKELSEN HOUSING HERO AWARD

Innovative Partnerships

Barbara Blythe

Barbara Blythe, a grants coordinator specialist with the Mohave County Community and Economic Development Department, sees no obstacles in front of her when it comes to fully meeting the needs of the many Mohave County citizens that come her way. To augment the shortage of official funds, Barbara has engaged many community partners in the past nine years to either repair or completely replace roughly 300 homes in the county's housing rehabilitation programs. Based upon the many thank you letters received by her organization, Barbara is making a huge impact in the lives of people.

One example of successful partnering was the replacement of the burned out mobile home of Helen Lundy, a widow who pitched a tent on her property after fire destroyed her belongings, depending on the charity and generosity of others for a hot shower and bed to sleep in.

Along with Repo-Depot, Ashley Furniture, Casino Appliance Company, St. Vincent DePaul and other local contractors, Mrs. Lundy was able to move into a completely furnished new home.

Said Mrs. Lundy, "I now have hope."



Recognizes a creative partnership with an affordable housing or community development focus. Eligible nominations include those that result in responsive housing programs, support services, units for rental or homeownership, financing arrangements, or public-private participation.



Enterprise Community Investment, Inc.

2009 BRIAN MICKELSEN HOUSING HERO AWARD

Tribal Initiative

Hopi Tribal Housing Authority

The Hopi Homes I project consisted of rehabilitating seven single family homes and twenty units of duplex and triplex homes around Winslow, Arizona. Hopi Homes I is an innovative example of housing rehabilitation funding that provides tribal members with well built housing.



The objective of Hopi Homes I was to rehabilitate poorly designed and constructed 20 year old units with homes that would be maintenance free for decades to come, thus freeing up families to focus on personal sustainability.

While the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority does receive money from the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act, the available funding does not meet tribal housing needs. In order to accomplish the \$3.5 million Hopi Homes I renovation, additional funding partners were secured, including an Arizona Department of Housing \$2 million tax credit allocation. This project represents the first tax credit-financed housing on the Hopi Reservation. The balance of funding was provided by a loan from the Hopi Housing Authority.

Because Hopi Homes I has no "hard" debt, there is virtually no risk of foreclosure, so the Hopi Tribal Housing Authority is in a position to accept low rents. The lower rents allow more families to qualify, leaving no concern for vacancies. Because Hopi Homes I is not burdened by large debt service payments, it is a viable program that will provide long-term and well-built housing with high occupancy rates.



Recognizes achievement in helping to meet the housing needs of tribal members in Arizona through the provision of housing and or services. Eligible nominations include housing construction or rehabilitation projects, programs to promote economic self-sufficiency and asset building, infrastructure improvements, and community master planning on tribal lands.



Bank of America



CHASE



usbank

Enterprise Community Investment, Inc.

2009 BRIAN MICKELSEN HOUSING HERO AWARD

Partner in Housing Patricia Garcia Duarte

Patricia Garcia Duarte has dedicated more than 20 years to leading efforts that have improved the lives, health and communities of Arizona residents.

Patricia began her career with Chicanos Por La Causa as an economic development and housing specialist where she implemented a \$2 million lending program for small businesses in rural Arizona, a new guaranty loan program for urban small businesses and low rate home improvement loans. Early in her career, Patricia joined Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix as loan services manager, marketing loan programs to potential homeowners. She also spent time

as a Housing Developer with Mercy Housing Southwest, and as the Arizona Manager in the Community Partnerships Office of JP Morgan Chase. Neighborhood Housing Services of Phoenix approached her again offering the opportunity to lead the organization. She accepted the CEO position at NHS Phoenix and now leads a progressive organization dedicated to revitalizing neighborhoods through homeownership. NHS Phoenix has a \$1.5 million operating budget with over \$14 million in assets and 28 employees.



This award celebrates the single action or a lifetime of successes of an individual committed to improving the lives of families and the health of communities through recognition that decent, affordable housing is basic to our social fabric. In 2008, this award was renamed to honor the service of Arthur Crozier, a longtime Arizona realtor and member of both the Arizona Housing Commission and the Arizona Housing Finance Authority.



Enterprise Community Investment, Inc.

2009 BRIAN MICKELSEN HOUSING HERO AWARD

Superior & Sustainable Design

Havasu Hills Apartments

The Havasu Hills Apartment Homes in Lake Havasu City, developed by Foundation for Senior Living, is a 50-unit rental development that compliments 50 existing units that were built in 1981. The Foundation for Senior Living rehabilitated the existing units and added new in-fill units that will have a 150 year building lifecycle with ultra high energy efficiency and sustainability.

Foundation for Senior Living chose to build the Havasu Hills Apartment Homes using Insulated Concrete Forms in place of conventional wood framed wall systems. ICF involves erecting forms of Styrofoam that are in-filled with rebar and concrete. While the initial building costs of ICF are more expensive than wood framing, there are significant benefits including increased energy efficiency, exceptional fire ratings, a quiet living environment and protection from wind and termite damage.

Foundation for Senior Living is currently working to expand energy management at the Havasu Hills Apartment Homes by adding over 1,700 solar panels to the buildings and car port roofs of this project. The \$2.8 million undertaking will meet all of the energy needs of the Havasu Hills Apartment Homes and provide surplus power back to the utility provider.

The Foundation for Senior Living is to be commended for their commitment to energy efficient green building methodology and is this year's recipient of the Superior & Sustainable Design award.



Recognizes outstanding design and/or use of alternative materials in affordable housing units or developments. Eligible nominations include new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or adaptive reuse. The units or developments should exemplify superior sustainable design that is compatible with the surrounding natural or built environment while meeting the needs of the intended residents.



Enterprise Community Investment, Inc.