

# 2022 ARIZONA HOUSING FORUM BRIAN MICKELSEN HOUSING HERO AWARD

## Arthur Crozier Partner in Housing

ANNA DISABATO

Anna began her property management career in the Midwest; being a Chicago native, she saw and experienced the impoverished streets in certain neighborhoods.

Anna and her family came to settle in Phoenix in the early 2000s. Here Anna again saw the impoverished streets of the south side and the more affluent living on the north. Anna interviewed and joined Dunlap & Magee in 2006. She saw the organization as an established property management company who focused primarily on low-income housing, and the betterment of residents within their housing complexes.

Anna became more involved with her portfolio with affordable owners and the City of Phoenix Housing portfolio and partnered with several organizations, learning about their outreach and the programs they offered that could assist in her mission. With time these relationships grew to include 40-plus organizations. Organizations included A New Leaf, The Salvation Army, and Housing for Hope.

She worked with like-minded people to serve the mentally ill and homeless population of Phoenix and surrounding areas, low income and very low-income persons, struggling artists, autistic persons looking for independent living, refugees, sex trafficking victims, victims of domestic violence, seniors and veterans. Those who encounter Anna finds themselves inspired to join her mission.

Anna finds time for community outreach, to support her residents, and make Phoenix a better place for to live. She is a large presence in supporting the annual Christmas "Feast" for the homeless in Sunnyslope, which is fostered by the President of Dunlap & Magee, Christine Shipley.

At the onset of the pandemic, Anna spent hours researching COVID, its effects, how to best combat the effects and how to keep people safe. Anna put together an abundance of information, distributing multiple informational letters to employees and residents.

She educated staff on disinfecting measures and reconfigured offices according to CDC protocol. She also reminded staff of the mental stresses a pandemic brings, presenting them with materials on coping and a 24/7 assistance hotline.

This nomination for the Arthur Crozier Partner in Housing Award celebrates the knowledge, dedication, lifetime commitment and wholehearted efforts of Anna DiSabato, Vice President of Dunlap & Magee Property Management Inc. Anna has devoted her career to property management, and in large part to making life better for those in need. Anna currently sits on the AMA board of Directors, is an Ambassador for Yardi products, she is a Crime Free Housing Chair and a Registered Member of the National Association of Realtors. Anna has educated herself and holds numerous certifications, some of which include Certified Property Manager (CPM), Accredited Residential Manager (ARM), Certified Occupancy Specialist Public Housing (COSP), Certified Manager of Maintenance (CMM), Arizona Department of Real Estate Salesperson License.

