

NORTH DAKOTA HOUSING AGENCY RECOGNIZES AFFORDABLE HOUSING CHAMPIONS

BISMARCK – The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency (NDHFA) recognized six of their housing partners as Champions of Affordable Housing at the 2007 Statewide Housing Conference.

“Without the assistance of these partnering organizations, the staff at NDHFA would not be able to provide affordable home loans, ensure the availability of affordable rental units or offer a hand to community leaders struggling to meet the housing needs of their local population,” said Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, who presented the awards on behalf of the Industrial Commission.

Receiving Lender Awards:

- **Bremer Bank**, part of the Bremer Financial Services Company; and
- **CommunityWorks North Dakota**, a nonprofit organization based in Bismarck; and
- **Dakota Community Bank**, serves nine communities in central and southwest North Dakota; and
- **First Community Credit Union**, 13 locations across North Dakota.

Lender awards are based on participation in the Agency’s homeownership programs and involvement in locally sponsored affordable housing projects and events.

Affordable Housing Developers, Inc., a multi-regional Community Housing Development Organization based in Bismarck, received the **Housing Production Award**. Projects completed by the nonprofit developer in 2006 included six single-family units at Trail West, a 10.2 acre subdivision in Mandan; construction of 24 rental units in Dickinson; the acquisition and rehabilitation of 20 rental units in Rugby; and provision of a low-interest loan to help Berthold Housing Corp acquire, move and rehabilitate four rental units.

Lynn Fundingsland of Fargo, ND, was recognized with a **Leadership Award** for his dedication to providing affordable housing opportunities and creating awareness of housing issues in his community. Fundingsland heads the Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority and non-profit developer Beyond Shelter, Inc.

“Lynn’s advocacy is at the forefront of his activities everyday, and when faced with challenging housing projects or fear of opposition, you will often hear him say ‘if we don’t do this, who will?’” said Johnson.

NDHFA began recognizing Champions of Affordable Housing in 1995. The awards to real estate agents are presented during their annual conference in September.

For more information on the awards or other NDHFA programs, contact the Agency at (701) 328-8080, (800) 292-8621, (800) 366-6888 (TTY) or www.ndhfa.org.

The Industrial Commission of North Dakota, consisting of Governor John Hoeven, who serves as chairman, Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson and Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, oversees the NDHFA.



Bremer Bank - from left to right: Mike Anderson, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency; Sue Elkins, Bremer Bank; and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.



CommunityWorks ND - from left to right: Mike Anderson, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency; Sherri Arenz, CommunityWorks North Dakota; and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.



Dakota Community Bank - from left to right: Mike Anderson, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency; Sue Larsen and Mark Larson, both of Dakota Community Bank; and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.



First Community CU - from left to right: Mike Anderson, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency; Janet Sand and Marlene Krebsbach, both of First Community Credit Union; and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.



AHDI Board - from left to right, back row: Mike Anderson, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency; Gary Peters and Gene Hoerner, both of Community Action Partnership; Jim Sather, Community Action Program Region VII, Inc.; Barb Owens, Affordable Housing Developers, Inc.; Bonnie Andes, Community Action Partnership; and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson. Front row (seated): Deann Long, Community Action Partnership; Brent Dolbeare, Community Action Opportunities, Inc.; and Alma Heid, Century 21 Landmark.



Fundingsland photo - from left to right: Mike Anderson, North Dakota Housing Finance Agency; Lynn Fundingsland, Fargo Housing and Redevelopment Authority; and Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson.