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High Point Housing Authority Now Accepting 2011 Pillars of Fame Nominations

High Point, NC – For the sixth consecutive year, the Housing Authority of the City of High Point (HPHA) is accepting applications for consideration for its annual **Pillars of Fame** honor.

The concept of the **Pillars of Fame** began in 2005 and was modeled after the *Wall of Fame* in Columbia, SC. The Board of Commissioners and HPHA staff have always been concerned with the well-being of youth in Public Housing and Section 8 communities and wanted a way to present positive, encouraging images and role models. As a result, a committee of Housing Authority staff and other community volunteers began the application and selection process. HPHA leadership believes that youth will be influenced by former residents of public housing who became successful leaders and pillars of the community.

Past recipients of this honor include Albert A. Campbell, Pridell (Dell) L. McCormick, Sheriff BJ Barnes, Jerry Wayne Camp, Bruce E. Davis, Valda Boyd-Ford, Glenn Chavis, Bernita Sims, Angela G. McGill and Keith McInnis. These outstanding individuals' pictures are permanently framed onto the pillars at Astor Dowdy Towers.

The High Point Housing Authority is now accepting applications for its sixth annual **Pillars of Fame** honorees. For an application form, call 336/878-2312 or visit www.hpha.net. Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to 500 East Russell Avenue, High Point, NC 27260, ATTN: Rachael Matthews by noon on July 08, 2011.

The **Pillars of Fame**, located at Astor Dowdy Towers, 701 E. Green Street, High Point, North Carolina honors former HPHA residents who have achieved personal success and made significant contributions to the community. In addition to honoring the recipients, the portraits featured on the **Pillars of Fame** are designed to inspire current HPHA residents to overcome obstacles and achieve success.

Eligibility for the ***Pillars of Fame*** requires an individual to meet the following criteria:

- must be a former HPHA resident (Section 8 or Public Housing);
- must have a high school diploma or GED equivalent;
- must be an outstanding community or civic leader; and
- must have served as a role model for family and community.

Applicants who are selected for the ***Pillars of Fame*** honor will be inducted during the annual ceremony scheduled for September 21, 2011.

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