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### **Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing Awarded Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Grant**

Arlington, VA (March 21, 2013) – The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) today announced it was awarded the prestigious Neighborhood Builders grant from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation. The Neighborhood Builders program recognizes local nonprofits that are critical in creating economically and socially vibrant communities and supports them with a \$200,000 unrestricted grant that is paid over two years and leadership development for nonprofit directors and emerging leaders.

“APAH is deeply honored to be chosen for the Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Grant,” said APAH President/CEO Nina Janopaul. “The award recognizes our success in marrying the best practices of housing development with a deep commitment to our community and our residents.”

“Nonprofits provide much needed services in Greater Washington, but too often lack the opportunity to invest in their own long-term growth and development,” said Jeff Wood, Greater Washington market president, Bank of America. “We are pleased to recognize the Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing because we’ve seen the great work they’ve done to provide housing for homeless and low income residents and know that this program will help them reach even more individuals who desperately need affordable homes.”

“This capacity-building grant comes at a crucial time as APAH develops its strategic plan for the next five years,” Janopaul added. “The grant will be used to strengthen APAH’s core competencies and build on our values as a caring and innovative organization committed to integrity and excellence.”

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APAH is currently developing a 122-unit, affordable, new construction Arlington Mill Residences that includes an innovative wing with eight efficiencies targeted for those hardest to house. APAH resident services programs provide direct services to individuals and families to help them improve their lives. APAH pioneered Project Hope with Arlington County to provide permanent supportive housing in scattered-site locations, a program that has become a model for Virginia.

The Neighborhood Builder grant is awarded to nonprofits annually in each of the geographic areas where Bank of America is engaged in business worldwide. Locally, APAH and Washington, DC-based Samaritan Inns received the grant this year. This philanthropic investment in nonprofit leadership development is the largest in the nation with over 730 organizations recognized and 1,500 nonprofit leaders trained since 2004. The Neighborhood Builders program is a capstone initiative building on the bank's broader philanthropic commitment to addressing core issues that are critical to the economic vitality of local economies, with a particular focus on low and moderate income communities.

APAH develops, preserves, owns and advocates for quality affordable housing in Arlington and promotes opportunity for our residents through partnerships and programs. APAH is the only nonprofit affordable housing developer working exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps 1,000 households live in stable, secure and affordable rental homes. APAH was named Developer of the Year in 2011 by the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) and received the Prize for Innovation and Impact from the Arlington Community Foundation; in 2009 APAH received the HAND Innovation Award and in 2008 was named Best Nonprofit of the Year by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

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