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Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing Names 2013 Affordable Housing Honorees

Arlington, VA (May 2, 2013) – The Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) yesterday announced its 2012 Affordable Housing Honorees.

"In 2013 we are recognizing Virginia Senator Barbara Favola for championing affordable housing during her 14 years as an Arlington County Board member including leading many affordable housing project approvals and expanding of the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. APAH is honoring The Bozzuto Group and CEO Tom Bozzuto for their commitment to developing affordable housing since the company's inception in 1988 and leadership in the multi-family industry," said Nina Janopaul, APAH President/CEO. "They will be honored at the Celebration of Affordable Housing, APAH's Annual Fundraiser, on October 8, 2013, at the Clarendon Ballroom in Arlington, VA."

The honorees were announced by APAH's 2012 Honoree John Shooshan, President, The Shooshan Company, at a May 1 reception.

"APAH is honoring The Bozzuto Group and Tom Bozzuto for their commitment to affordable housing in Arlington, especially as the builder and property manager of vPoint for the Church of Clarendon. Tom, a man of integrity, is a leader among the multi-family community nationwide," said Shooshan.

"APAH is honoring Virginia Senator Barbara Favola, an inspiration to all of us, for her work in Arlington to provide housing for those who are the most vulnerable. As County Board member and County Chair she was our strongest proponent for providing innovative solutions to create affordable housing and provide safety net services to low income residents. I was honored to co-chair the Leadership Consortium of the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness with Senator Favola," Shooshan went on to say.

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APAH's Annual Fundraiser Event on October 8, 2013, at the <u>Clarendon Ballroom</u> is a once-a-year opportunity for corporate and individual affordable housing sponsors and donors to support APAH, celebrate affordable housing and recognize the contribution of APAH's Affordable Housing Honorees.

For information about sponsorship opportunities or to attend the October 8, 2013 Annual Fundraiser Event at the Clarendon Ballroom, contact Linda Kelleher, APAH's Director, Community and Resident Relations, at lkelleher@apah.org or 703.276.7444, ext. 102.

Virginia Senator Barbara Favola represents the 31st district. Prior to her election in 2011, she served on the Arlington County Board for 14 years and was Chair three times. She championed affordable housing policy initiatives including the Housing Grant rental assistance; expansion of the Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF), and the use of "public land for housing" as part of the Arlington Mill Community Center. She supported APAH's innovative "transfer of density" from a from a nearby park to develop APAH's 236-unit, mixed income Parc Rosslyn; and redevelopment of the Church of Clarendon that included The vPoint mixed income apartments. In Richmond, Senator Favola worked to secure \$7 million in the Housing Trust Fund. In addition to affordable housing, Senator Favola was has been a vigorous supporter of human rights and environmental stewardship.

The Bozzuto Group, celebrating 25 years in business, provides a broad range of real estate services and has had a strong commitment to affordable housing since the company was founded. The Bozzuto Group was the builder and serves as property manager of the mixed-income vPoint for the Church at Clarendon, where APAH secured the project financing and entitlements. CEO Tom Bozzuto formed The Bozzuto Group of companies in 1988; he directs the development, construction and management for housing in metropolitan areas located throughout the East Coast. A Congressional appointee to the Millennial Housing Commission, Bozzuto served several terms on the Maryland Housing Commission and is the current Chairman of the Board of the National Multi Housing Council. In 2008, Bozzuto was honored as recipient of ULI Washington's annual Lifetime Achievement Award. He created of nearly 50,000 residential housing units with an estimated value of \$7 billion in his 40-year career.

APAH is a nonprofit that owns, develops, and preserves quality housing that is affordable to low and moderate-income families. APAH is the only nonprofit affordable housing developer working exclusively in Arlington County. Founded in 1989, APAH now helps 1000 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); in 2009 APAH received the HAND Innovation Award and in 2008 was named Best Small Business of the Year by the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

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