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San Antonio Housing Authority and National Housing Advocacy Organization
Kick Off Awareness Week with Job Fair

San Antonio, TX (October 1, 2011) – The San Antonio Housing Authority (SAHA) and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) partnered today to celebrate the kick-off of NAHRO’s Housing America Month 2011, which aims to educate decision makers and the general public about the essential role affordable housing and community development programs play in serving the nation’s most vulnerable.

The event featured a Job Fair, which was attended by hundreds of job seekers, who had an opportunity to visit with 20 top local employers and several agencies offering job hunting and resume writing tips.

Guest speakers included NAHRO Chief Executive Officer Saul Ramirez, David Pohler with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and Lourdes Castro Ramirez, SAHA’s President and CEO.

“With the national unemployment rate hovering above 9 percent, the timing of this job fair is pertinent,” says NAHRO CEO Saul N. Ramirez, Jr. “It is especially important that SAHA is hosting this job fair as housing authorities are driving economic recoveries in their local communities and transforming federal dollars into good jobs.”

“SAHA is partnering with organizations throughout our community to create employment opportunities,” said Lourdes Castro Ramirez, SAHA President and CEO. “We’re particularly excited about an announcement by HUD yesterday that SAHA is one of only 12 housing authorities across the nation to be awarded a $50,000 grant to fund employment activities for low-income families.”

The festivities, which began with more than 100 local youth receiving Perfect Attendance Awards, were designed for the whole family, featuring a number of fun activities such as a kid’s activity tent, face painting and balloon art.

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