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## ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING ANNOUNCES 2022 HOUSING HERO AWARDS RECIPIENTS AT ANNUAL ARIZONA HOUSING FORUM

**SCOTTSDALE, AZ** – The Arizona Department of Housing, in partnership with the Arizona Housing Coalition, concluded the 2022 Arizona Housing Forum today at THE SCOTT in Scottsdale. The Forum provides a platform for affordable housing professionals to learn, network, and connect in sharing ideas on how to solve our current housing shortage and create and improve housing development in Arizona.

On today's final day of the Forum, the 2022 Housing Hero Awards, named in honor of the late Brian Mickelson, who was an original member of the Arizona Housing Finance Authority and the City Manager for the Town of Cottonwood, were presented to recognize outstanding achievements in the following six categories:

- **Arthur Crozier Partner in Housing Award: Anna DiSabato**  
Anna DiSabato, Vice President of Dunlap & Magee, is honored for her knowledge, dedication, and lifetime commitment to providing high-quality property management and essential services for low-income families.
- **Exemplary Multi-Family Project: Avalon Villas**  
Avalon Villas is recognized for this 8-building community in Phoenix offering 94 low-income units designed to meet the housing needs of households with children. This well-designed property is located in a high opportunity area and contains wealth of family-friendly amenities.
- **Innovative Supportive Housing Program: Center of Hope Apartments**  
Center of Hope is recognized for this remodeled hotel providing integrated permanent supportive housing within the Center of Opportunity homeless campus near Tucson. COH consists of 100, 1-bedroom apartments with case management and services including substance abuse recovery located on the ground floor.
- **Outstanding Affordable Housing Initiative: Choice Neighborhoods Soluna**  
Soluna is recognized as the first completed housing project in Phoenix's Choice Neighborhoods Edison Eastlake Community. The 177-unit Soluna is the first phase in replacing 577 units of obsolete public housing with over 1,000 units of modern, mixed income housing along with the comprehensive neighborhood revitalization that will benefit all Edison Eastlake residents.
- **Outstanding State Administered CDBG Funded Project: Hope House of Sedona**  
Hope House of Sedona is recognized for its outstanding collaboration with both the City of Sedona and Northern Arizona Council of Governments in creating transitional housing for homeless area families with school-aged children. Hope House can support up to 3 families/10 people as a bridge to help them find permanent housing.
- **Tribal Initiatives: TOKA Homes IV**  
TOKA Homes IV is recognized for meeting the Nation's need for additional, high-quality housing with this mix of 29 new townhomes and single-family homes in the Tohono O'odham Reservation's Gu Achi community. 17 of the 29 units have three or more bedrooms and include specific design features for households with children.

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### About the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH)

Established in 2002, we administer programs to create, preserve, and invest in affordable housing statewide. ADOH does not own or build housing; we manage programs that convey funding to private and government entities that apply and meet criteria developed by state/federal law. ADOH receives no state General Fund appropriation and most programs are federally-funded.