

NLIHC 2016 POLICY FORUM

Overcoming Housing Poverty, Achieving Housing Justice



2016 NLIHC Organizing Award

NLIHC's 2016 Organizing Award is presented to the **COALITION FOR NONPROFIT HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CNHED)** in Washington, D.C. for the ongoing victories won through their multiyear **HOUSING FOR ALL CAMPAIGN**.



Through its grassroots Housing for All Campaign, CNHED has raised the profile of housing affordability in the District of Columbia, an issue that is too often neglected in public debate. Their efforts have won over \$365 million in affordable housing investment and helped institute structural changes for how affordable housing is funded in the District. The Campaign achieved these victories by organizing thousands of residents in specific public education actions, backed by compelling data and personal stories.

The Housing for All Campaign is an advocacy effort designed to engage thousands of residents to compel



D.C. government to invest in the programs that make a full continuum of housing affordable for District residents, particularly for those with the greatest housing need. The Campaign was launched in 2011 by CNHED, a dynamic, 140-member association whose mission is to foster just and equitable community development solutions that address the needs and aspirations of low and moderate income District residents.

CNHED's Housing for All Campaign has organized over 4,000 individual supporters and 100 organizations to take action. This demonstration of power and commitment turned the tide from loss of funding to unprecedented investments in affordable housing. The supporters are both long-time and new residents, people working at affordable housing nonprofits, for-profit developers, and simply people concerned about how the lack of housing affordability negatively affects the District overall. In addition to pledging their support, many have engaged in direct actions, including planning, presenting and participating in town halls and rallies; testifying at a Council of the District of Columbia hearing; participating in a large-scale email action; meeting with Members of the Council on Advocacy Day; and turning out for Budget Vote Day.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The National Low Income Housing Coalition's Organizing Award recognizes outstanding achievement in state or local organizing activity that furthers NLIHC's mission of achieving socially just public policy that assures people with the lowest incomes in the United State have affordable and decent homes. Special consideration is given to nominations that incorporate tenant- or resident-driven organizing.