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Sixth Annual Hampton Roads Housing Consortium Members' Awards Recipients Announced

Chesapeake, VA – September 20, 2012 – Four winners for the Hampton Roads Housing Consortium's Sixth Annual Members' Housing Awards were announced today by the organization's Chairman, Wendy A. Hunter. These awards recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to improving housing conditions for the region.

- **HRHC Lifetime Achievement Award**
Mary Kay Horoszewski
Executive Director, Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation
- **HRHC Housing Warrior Award**
Helen Hayes Sommer
Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads
- **HRHC Housing Partner Special Project Award**
Hampton Home Repair Partnership & Blitz – City of Hampton
- **HRHC Across the Region Service Award**
Hampton Roads Community Housing Resource Board

The Awards Breakfast will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2012 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Chesapeake Conference Center to honor the winners. "The recipients of this year's awards truly exemplify the best that this region has to offer in advocating for safe and affordable housing. It is our honor to spotlight their work at the Sixth Annual Members' Awards Ceremony. The Awards Selection Committee has selected an impressive and inspiring group of organizations, projects, and individuals," said Chairman Wendy Hunter. The keynote speaker of this event will be Virginia Senator Mamie E. Locke. To date, the event is also being co-sponsored by the following organizations:

[Virginia Housing Development Authority \(VHDA\)](#)
[Tidewater Home Funding](#)
[Tidewater Mortgage Bankers Association](#)
[PNC Mortgage](#)

About HRHC: The HRHC is a voluntary association of governmental, private, and non-profit organizations committed to improving housing opportunities for low and moderate-income households in Hampton Roads. Participants include City and County governments, Redevelopment and Housing Authorities, non-profit housing and emergency shelter providers, mortgage lenders, Realtor® and builders associations, and a variety of other groups interested in affordable housing issues. Member groups represent most of the sixteen jurisdictions within the Hampton Roads region. The HRHC is a federal 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization. The Hampton Roads Housing Consortium believes that households of all income levels deserve a fair opportunity to buy or rent housing that is safe, affordable, and suitable for their needs. The HRHC also supports adequate housing for persons with special needs including the disabled and elderly. The HRHC gives these organizations and other interested groups a regional framework for information exchange, training activities, and cooperative action.