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**National Affordable Housing Accreditation Awarded to
Keene Housing, Keene, New Hampshire**

Philadelphia, PA, May 28, 2020 – The Affordable Housing Accreditation Board (AHAB) has awarded national affordable housing accreditation to Keene Housing in Keene, New Hampshire. Keene Housing is the sixth affordable housing provider to receive AHAB accreditation. The designation of “Accredited Affordable Housing Organization” reflects an organization’s commitment to meeting high performance standards established by the affordable housing industry and to providing quality, well-managed housing.

Keene Housing underwent a rigorous review of documentation that culminated in a virtual site visit conducted during New Hampshire’s COVID-19 Stay at Home Order. During the review and site visit, AHAB reviewers evaluated the organization on its conformance with 8 standards, 47 guidelines and 110 indicators; each one measuring how effectively the organization’s board, leadership and staff are meeting their mission of providing high quality affordable housing and related services. Executive Director, Joshua Meehan, stated, “We are thrilled to be recognized by our peers for the great work we do and to demonstrate that accreditation is a worthwhile and achievable pursuit for affordable housing providers of all sizes and geographies.”

“We are pleased that we were able to still complete our site visit and review due to our ability to operate remotely prior to the stay at home and social distancing guidelines. The site visit interviews we usually conduct in person were conducted through webinars and teleconferences. We were able to speak with residents, staff, community stakeholders, including the mayor of the City of Keene. Keene Housing took professional photography of many aspects of their housing portfolio just a few months prior to our review. This allowed us to see the community and homes where residents live,” said Diana McWilliams,

President and CEO of the Affordable Housing Accreditation Board. “We were so inspired by the staff and whole community served by Keene Housing. Their application and site visit demonstrated a commitment to residents, their community, and an internal commitment to continuous quality improvement.”

In early April, the AHAB Directors adopted a virtual site visit policy with plans to conduct in person visits when it is safer to travel.

Established in 2013, the Affordable Housing Accreditation Board began rolling out the formal accreditation system in early 2018. Accreditation is awarded for a five-year period, encouraging accredited organizations to continuously improve and excel in providing safe, well managed, high quality affordable housing in their communities. Accreditation can result in improved management of housing, shared best practices around the country, and higher quality of life for residents.

The Affordable Housing Accreditation Board accepts accreditation registrations online at www.housingaccreditation.org.

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About the Affordable Housing Accreditation Board™

Founded in 2013, the Affordable Housing Accreditation Board™ seeks to continuously improve affordable housing for the public, by evaluating affordable housing organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe, well-managed, high quality affordable housing in their communities. The Affordable Housing Accreditation Board™ accredits affordable housing organizations across the country. An independent, nonprofit organization, The Affordable Housing Accreditation Board™ is the affordable housing industry standards-setting and accrediting body. Learn more about affordable housing accreditation at www.housingaccreditation.org.