**2018 NHP FOUNDATION SYMPOSIUM ISSUES CHALLENGE:**

**LEADERS TO TACKLE AFFORDABLE HOUSING REBOOT**

***Leading affordable housing not-for-profit honors industry and policy leaders; discusses “Housing & Health: The Backbone of Strong Communities”- innovative ways healthcare providers can join effort to house more Americans in need***

**NEW YORK, NY** – October 9, 2018 – NHPF ( The NHP Foundation), a national leader in providing quality affordable housing to America’s working poor, seniors and families, today announced its 2018 fundraising event. “Housing & Health: The Backbone of Strong Communities” will be held October 16th at Union Station in Washington, D.C. The event combines education and celebration, featuring a range of participants and honorees including former HUD Secretary Henry Cisneros.

NHPF’s event will be split into two parts. Kicking off the event is an “Afternoon of Learning,” where the Foundation will present its Trailblazer Awards to four lawmakers leading national affordable housing policy- Senator Susan Collins (R-ME) and Representatives Carlos Curbelo (R-FL), Suzan DelBene (D-WA) and Jim Himes (D-CT).

“The bi-partisan congresspeople we are honoring today consistently ‘fight the good fight’ to preserve and create more affordable housing while also recognizing the importance of how such housing keeps residents safe and healthy and benefits society overall,” said Richard Burns, President & CEO, The NHP Foundation. “We are grateful for their continuing efforts to guide those in the industry even in the most uncertain times.”

Following the awards presentation, the afternoon will feature a report calling for an “affordable housing reboot” stressing the involvement of the healthcare system in delivering increased affordable housing presented by Ryan Moser, CSH (The Corporation for Supportive Housing). Following the report will be a panel discussion moderated by Dr. Tiffany Manuel, VP Knowledge, Impact & Strategy, Enterprise Community Partners.

“Today the industry is looking for the best ways to ensure housing for all and the role healthcare providers play,” continued Burns. “This discussion will explore a variety of strategies including the idea of a new collaborative funding model of privatized housing vouchers.”

After the panel, the event will transition into “An Evening of Recognition” cocktail reception and awards dinner. Throughout the event, NHPF will honor special guests including: Henry Cisneros, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) (1993–1997); Thom Amdur, EVP & ED, National Housing & Rehabilitation Association; Michael Bodaken, President, National Housing Trust (1993–2018); Monica Mitchell, VP Community Development, Wells Fargo; Michael Novogradac, Managing Partner, Novogradac & Company and Maria Torres-Springer, Commissioner, NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development.

Over 300 attendees are expected, including developers and builders, policy-makers, affordable housing advocates, healthcare leaders, and many in the media, law, finance and philanthropic sectors. Proceeds will benefit The NHP Foundation’s Fund for New Development, which supports the acquisition, pre-development, development and service-enriched affordable housing properties in communities around the country.

For more information on the event, click [here](https://one.bidpal.net/nhpf2018symposiumdinner/welcome).

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