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PRESS RELEASE

Tina Akers Brown Awarded 2020 Denise Maleska Leadership Service Award

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Greensboro Housing Authority CEO, Tina Akers Brown, was the recipient of the 2020 Denise Maleska Leadership Service Award by Leadership Greensboro. The award, presented at the 2020 Leadership Greensboro New Year Reception, recognizes outstanding leadership in the Greensboro community.

Akers Brown began working for Greensboro Housing Authority (GHA) in 1996 as the Director of Housing Services. She was promoted in 1998 to Deputy Director for Operations, ultimately becoming CEO in 2001. Her service and leadership of GHA is historic, as she is the first African-American CEO and one of the longest serving in the organizational history.

In addition to providing her leadership to GHA, she has contributed on boards, task forces, and in leadership positions to various organizations throughout the community, regionally, and nationally. Some of these include United Way of Greater Greensboro, Rotary Club of Greensboro, Guilford Workforce Development Board, Ready for School Ready for Life, Guilford County Partnership for Children, and Greensboro Housing Development Partnership among others. At the national level she has provided 35 years of service to the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO), the Southeastern Regional Council (SERC President), Carolinas Council of Housing Redevelopment and Codes Officials, West Virginia Association of Housing Agencies (WVAHA President), and the North Carolina Housing Authority Directors Association.

With over 30 years of progressive management experience in the affordable housing industry, she serves at the helm of the largest affordable housing provider in Greensboro, serving 12,000 residents and managing over 6,000 units of housing. Under her leadership she has directly made each resident's home a better place to live through overseeing the HOPE VI Initiative, and most recently, the implementation of Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) to preserve aging public housing communities through the leverage of public and private debt to reinvest in affordable housing. Since 2013, GHA has completed renovations to over 1,700 units of public housing through RAD.

“It is an honor to be recognized in this way and to be associated with other outstanding leaders who have served this community so diligently. I’m thankful to have played a small part in making this community better for our residents and those in Guilford County.”