

**2011 NAHRO  
Poster Contest Events  
“What Home Means to Me”  
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The National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) recently sponsored another poster contest for children associated with affordable housing and community development programs (i.e., public housing, Section 8-assistance, and rehabilitation projects supported directly by the Housing Authority of Yamhill County).

This year’s theme was “What Home Means to Me.” There were three age groups: **Elementary**- Kindergarten to 5th; **Middle**- 6th to 8th; and **High**- 9th to 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Local Activity**

The Housing Authority of Yamhill County hosted five workshops during July. We supplied the crayons and paint...and the kids supplied the energy! The workshops were led by Bruce Sahagian and we especially want to thank Gudelia Garcia, Elise Hui, Maria Jacquez, Sylvia Robledo, and Donna Slauf for helping us conduct these events. We also want to thank **The Merri Artist** for their generous donation to our cause. Please stop by their artist supplies store when you’re shopping in McMinnville.

The workshops were a great opportunity for the kids to learn some new skills and broaden their horizons. These factors cannot be measured in a brief glimpse at just today, but rather in the quality of their future endeavors. It was gratifying to observe significant improvement in the work of some children...comparing their earlier efforts during last year’s poster contest versus this year’s more refined products. The workshops have helped build confidence in these kids. This was evidenced by their ability to walk into a room, grasp the assignment, and proceed to accomplish their goals. These activities can have a spill-over effect as they enhance the overall quality of life in our community.

**Prizes**

Our posters have now been shipped to Vancouver, Washington for regional preliminary judging. Winners will be announced after the national finals competition held in Washington, DC in October. The Grand Prize winner will receive a \$500 savings bond, their poster will be featured on the cover of the 2012 NAHRO calendar, and they will receive a free trip to Washington, D.C. with their family. Twelve other honorees will receive \$100 savings bonds and be included in the 2012 NAHRO calendar. Wish us luck!

Please take a look at our posters below.

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