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**MT. AIRY USA RECEIVES “BEST AGENCY” AWARD FROM THE PA FINANCE HOUSING AGENCY**

*Community development organization in Mt. Airy distinguished as among best in commonwealth*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA**— The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) awarded [Mt. Airy USA](#) with the “best agency” award at its awards ceremony in Harrisburg earlier this week.

“The work our housing counseling team does is really one of the cornerstones of the entire Mt. Airy USA organization, and to have this recognition from PHFA really underscores the importance and high level of work they do,” said Brad Copeland, executive director of Mt. Airy USA. “We’re proud to be recognized in this way by the agency.”

“The work we do is very hard but it's rewarding, so it's an honor to receive such an accolade from the commonwealth of Pennsylvania,” said Stephanie Butler, Mt. Airy USA director of housing counseling. “I am gratified that our housing team at Mt. Airy USA has helped over 1,000 community residents learn about home ownership in the past year.”

For over 25 years, Mt. Airy USA’s housing counseling program has worked with low and moderate-income first time homebuyers and existing homeowners to educate them about the home buying process, helping them



develop a detailed work plan, assisting with setting up a tax agreement, and providing access to financial resources for home repair, maintenance and emergency mortgage assistance. The program works with consumers to help them avoid foreclosure, predatory loans and disreputable home contractors and to repair damaged credit.

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency works to provide affordable homeownership and rental housing options for older adults, low- and moderate-income families, and people with special housing needs. Through its carefully managed mortgage programs and investments in multifamily housing developments, PHFA also promotes economic development across the state. Since its creation by the legislature in 1972, it has generated more than \$12.8 billion of funding for more than 165,000 single-family home mortgage loans, helped fund the construction of 129,322 rental units, and saved the homes of more than 48,650 families from foreclosure.

**About Mt. Airy USA:** *Established in 1980, Mt. Airy USA is a nationally-recognized nonprofit organization in Northwest Philadelphia that preserves, empowers and advances the vitality and diversity of Mt. Airy by stimulating community-centered neighborhood development. Mt. Airy USA provides housing counseling and financial literacy services, advances real estate development, promotes small businesses and a vibrant commercial corridor and facilitates investment in neighborhood public schools. For more information, visit [mtairyusa.org](http://mtairyusa.org).*

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