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MassHousing's Mounzer Aylouche and Virginia Healy-Kenney Honored by MMBA

Longtime mortgage professionals recognized for their excellence and dedication to consumers and affordable housing

BOSTON – January 22, 2013 – MassHousing's Mounzer M. Aylouche and Virginia Healy-Kenney have been honored by the Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers Association for their outstanding work on behalf of home mortgage consumers and affordable housing.

Aylouche, a relationship manager for MassHousing's Homeownership and Mortgage Insurance Divisions, received a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement for his work as chairman of the MMBA's Community Investment Committee. As part of Aylouche's leadership, the MMBA and its members awarded seven \$1,000 scholarships to Bunker Hill Community College students interested in a career in mortgage lending.

As president of the MMBA Foundation, the charitable arm of the organization, Aylouche was also instrumental in the MMBA's support of non-profit organizations in Massachusetts that promote homebuyer education and counseling. At its recent annual dinner and election of new officers and directors, the MMBA provided \$13,000 in funding to seven non-profit agencies from across Massachusetts.

Aylouche, a resident of Swampscott, has worked for more than 25 years in the lending industry and has worked at MassHousing since 1998.

"It is very rewarding to be able to give back and help out financially students and the non-profit organizations we support," said Aylouche. "The generosity of the members of the MMBA and of the Foundation is the affirmation of our commitment to the lending industry in Massachusetts."

MMBA Executive Director Deborah Sousa lauded Aylouche for his work with the organization. "The Association is proud of the work that the Community Investment Committee has done under Mounzer's leadership," she said. To be able to financially support deserving community college students who potentially are the next generation of mortgage bankers is an incredible accomplishment. We are hoping to expand the program to include internships and reach a larger geographic area."

Healy-Kenney, who retired from MassHousing last year as the Agency's Senior Production Manager for homeownership, received the MMBA's Norma Moseley Housing Advocate of the Year Award for her excellence and advocacy in the areas of consumer counseling and fair housing over a distinguished career that spanned more than four decades.

The award is named after the late Norma F. Moseley, who spent more than 20 years at the Ecumenical Social Action Committee, Inc. (ESAC), and dedicated her life to advocating for fairness and justice for all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, income, age, or disability, and combating patterns of consumer abuse and other homeownership-related problems.

Prior to joining MassHousing in the early 1990s, Healy-Kenney worked at the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and Fannie Mae. A resident of Marblehead, she is currently the chairwoman of the Marblehead Fair Housing Committee.

"I was honored and surprised to receive the Norma Moseley award from the MMBA," said Healy-Kenney. "My career in public service was by choice and proved to very rewarding. To me, this award is a general recognition by the lending industry that those of us dedicated to public service have a special purpose and that it is a career that young students should consider joining."

The MMBA's Sousa said Healy-Kenney's selection for the award involved consideration of her accomplishments over the full scope of her career. "The Norma Moseley award is special to our organization," said Sousa. "Virginia has made a difference in affordable housing not only here in Massachusetts but nationally over her career. She is an inspiration and I am sure Norma would be pleased with our selection."

About the Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers Association

The Massachusetts Mortgage Bankers Association is one of the largest and proactive mortgage associations throughout the country and provides comprehensive member services to more than 400 corporate members. The MMBA strives to provide technological, marketing and communications partnerships with its corporate affiliates, the lending industry, legislators and regulators, and with sister organizations and regional Mortgage Bankers Associations.

About MassHousing

MassHousing (The Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency) is an independent, quasi-public agency created in 1966 and charged with providing financing for affordable housing in Massachusetts. The Agency raises capital by selling bonds and lends the proceeds to low- and moderate-income homebuyers and homeowners, and to developers who build or preserve affordable and/or mixed-income rental housing. MassHousing does not use taxpayer dollars to sustain its operations, although it administers some publicly funded programs on behalf of the Commonwealth. Since its inception, MassHousing has provided nearly \$14 billion for affordable housing. For more information, visit the MassHousing website at www.masshousing.com, follow us on Twitter [@MassHousing](https://twitter.com/MassHousing), subscribe to [our blog](#) and [Like us](#) on Facebook.

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