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## **COLUMBIA RESIDENTIAL RECOGNIZED AT 2002 HOUSING GEORGIA CONFERENCE AND MAGNOLIA AWARDS PROGRAM**

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(ATLANTA) – Outstanding achievements in affordable housing were celebrated once again this year when the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) hosted the Second Annual Housing Georgia Conference and Magnolia Awards Program.

The November 7th event featured presentations from finalists in each of seven categories: Affordable Rental Housing, Creative Partnerships, Emergency Shelter/Services, Homeownership, Local Government Initiatives, Special Needs and Superior Design. A special "Housing Champion" award was also given to recognize ongoing contributions in promoting affordable housing.

"Quality affordable housing is vital to Georgia's economy and quality of life," DCA Commissioner Laura Meadows said. "That's why we're excited to bring so many folks from the housing industry together to recognize those who work so hard to create affordable housing in our state."

Commissioner Meadows presented an award for Outstanding Achievement in Affordable Housing to Columbia Residential for constructing 121 units of rental housing for senior citizens. The new development, Columbia Colony Senior Residences, was noted for its beauty and amenities. It was 100 percent leased within four months.

Columbia Residential was recognized in the Affordable Rental category, which was created to recognize achievements in the creation of affordable rental developments by new construction or substantial rehabilitation, innovation in managing affordable rental housing, innovations in creating mixed-use, mixed price rental housing with a substantial affordable component, or other innovations to provide safe, decent affordable rental housing.

For information on other DCA housing initiatives, visit the website at [www.dca.state.ga.us](http://www.dca.state.ga.us).