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Melissa Fish-Crane of the Peabody Companies Honored with NAHMA's Educational Foundation 2019 Inspiration Award

BRAINTREE and HINGHAM, MA, and ALEXANDRIA, VA, ISSUED NOVEMBER 19, 2019 – Melissa Fish-Crane, principal and chief operating officer of the Peabody Companies (www.peabodyproperties.com), a group of award-winning property management and real estate firms, was recently honored by the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Educational Foundation with their 2019 Inspiration Award. Fish-Crane received the award during the foundation's annual Inspire Gala, held at the Newseum in Washington, D.C., on October 28.

The award recognizes individuals or organizations for their longtime commitment to the advancement of educational opportunities for those working within the affordable housing industry and the residents they serve. In selecting an Inspiration Award winner, the foundation board considers the nominee's accomplishments in promoting education including training and recognition programs for employees, active participation in organizations promoting scholarship and furthering education, development of regional or national awareness campaigns or programs, and promotion or development of industry certification and training programs.

"As the leader of an organization that strives each day to make a positive difference in the lives of those who call our managed communities home, I feel passionate about finding ways to create stable, sustainable, and vibrant communities. Providing educational scholarships to the residents of those communities is a means to further this effort," said Fish-Crane. "I am humbled to have been given the opportunity to lead the NAHMA Educational Foundation even closer in its pursuit of the advancement of educational opportunities for the residents of affordable communities nationwide. Words cannot describe how honored I am to have been chosen as this year's recipient of the Inspiration Award!"

Fish-Crane served on the NAHMA Educational Foundation Board of Directors from 2014 to 2018, including serving as chair from 2015 to the close of her tenure. Under her leadership, the foundation saw its fundraising efforts double, which allowed the nonprofit to award a record 130 scholarships in 2017. She successfully guided the volunteer board in its fundraising, event planning, and marketing efforts.

"Melissa has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to the housing industry and has worked diligently to support and advance educational opportunities to those living in affordable housing," said Alice Fletcher, NAHMA Educational Foundation chair. Under her leadership, she has championed those around her to action without taking credit for the successes. Her passion for the industry and for helping others is evident in every interaction one has with her. She sparks attention with her proven

personal values of community service and giving back. Melissa has exemplified true stewardship through her donation of time and resources, and her commitment to giving back to the affordable housing industry has inspired many.”

The NAHMA Educational Foundation is organized and operated exclusively as a Section 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Founded in October 1994, the NAHMA Educational Foundation works to assist residents of federally subsidized housing as they strive to enhance their lives, job opportunities and children’s futures. Its mission is also to enhance the livability and standing of communities managed by NAHMA member companies nationwide.

About the Peabody Companies

The Peabody Companies and its affiliates – Peabody Properties, Peabody Resident Services, Peabody Supportive Housing, Peabody Real Estate and Peabody Miami – is headquartered in Braintree, Massachusetts, at 536 Granite Street. A full-service real estate firm, Peabody Properties manages over 13,000+ units of housing throughout New England, as well as additional communities in New Jersey and Florida. This award-winning, privately held company and Accredited Management Organization (AMO) was incorporated in 1976 and is under the direction of Karen Fish-Will and Melissa Fish-Crane, who were recently ranked #31 (out of 50) on Glassdoor’s 2018 SMB Top CEOs list. Recognizing its long-term commitment to Resident Services as a unique area of expertise within the field of property management, a specialty sector, Peabody Resident Services was established and is dedicated solely to the development of support services and programs for residents of affordable housing. Designated as a Women Business Enterprise (WBE), and certified by the Massachusetts State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA), Peabody was recently ranked #49 on the 2019 National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA) Affordable 100 List, as well as a 2017 and 2018 Top Place to Work by the Boston Globe and 2018 and 2019 Glassdoor Best Place to Work (most recently ranked #10). Learn more at <http://www.peabodyproperties.com> or on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or [YouTube](#).

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