



POAH

PRESERVATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING

POAH honored these visionaries of affordable housing at the 2011 Anniversary Reception



William Kelly (center)

William C. Kelly, Jr., President Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future

Bill Kelly created Stewards of Affordable Housing as a consortium of non-profit providers focused on enabling its members to make a bigger difference in the preservation field. He created SAHF as a public policy voice for high-capacity non-profit providers to gain prominence on a national level and within the industry. He has been persistent and effective in keeping the issue of the shortage of affordable housing in this country before lawmakers and policymakers and in the course of his advocacy, raises up individual SAHF members' public profile as providers of the solution. Bill is a colleague in mission, a national advocate, the point man in Washington and a passionate visionary.



Ed Hinsberger (center)

Ed Hinsberger Chicago Multifamily Hub Director U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Ed Hinsberger was POAH's quiet champion in 2005 when the organization came to him with a failing project in Kankakee, Illinois. HUD had vouchered out the project and 90 tenants were still there, living in squalor, because they had nowhere else to go. He took the intentional actions to turn around the voucher process and found a way to revive the project-based contract. That decision was the linchpin to preserve affordable housing for 132 families.

Ed was also a champion when at Grove Parc helping POAH to access the tools to make this revitalization happen and he continues to be a supporter, mentor and the metaphorical shepherd of the Woodlawn renewal. Ed is a quiet resource of creativity, new ideas, and abiding good sense for his colleagues in the Chicago office, and nationally.



Julia Stasch, Vice President,
John D. and Catherine T.
MacArthur Foundation
(second from left)

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation

In 2003, the MacArthur Foundation established a 10-year, \$50-million effort to support affordable housing which has helped affordable housing owners expand their portfolios by an additional 100,000 units. The effort has also encouraged additional preservation investments by public and private sector sources and supported public policies that give a new generation of owners the motivation and means to preserve even more units in the future. The foundation has also brought national and regional nonprofit organizations together to learn, benefit and mutually support each other.