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ROGER PERRY, FOUNDER OF EAST WEST PARTNERS, TO RECEIVE FIRST ANNUAL EXCEPTIONAL INNOVATION AWARD; HOMEOWNER DENEANE STANLEY-SUTTON AND LANDINGS TENANT ADVOCACY COMMITTEE ALSO TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

On Thursday, November 18, during its virtual annual meeting at 6 p.m., Community Home Trust will present its first ever annual awards to several people who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their community. The inaugural Exceptional Innovation Award will be presented to Roger Perry, Founder and President of East West Partners in Chapel Hill. The organization has also announced that this award will be named after this first recipient, to be known in the future as the Roger Perry Exceptional Innovation Award. This year's award is sponsored by UNC Health.

"Long before affordable housing became the political buzzword it is today, Roger was working hard to provide homes for folks in Chapel Hill who wouldn't have been able to afford to live here otherwise," shared Community Home Trust Executive Director Kimberly Sanchez. "Roger has demonstrated time and again through his innovative solutions and his generous contributions that he truly walks the walk of housing affordability."

Presenting the award is Dr. Wesley Burks, CEO of award sponsor UNC Health. In prerecorded comments to be aired during Community Home Trust's virtual annual meeting, Dr. Burks remarked that good health starts with safe, secure housing. "I can't imagine someone more perfect for this award than Roger. His heart for the community and the people in our community is amazing."

Also to be honored during the meeting are Deneane Stanley-Sutton, recipient of the Deanna Carson Memorial Good Neighbor Award, presented to a Community Home Trust homeowner who exemplifies the definition of a good neighbor and commitment to community demonstrated by the organization's late Housing Program Coordinator, Deanna Carson. The five founding members of the Tenant Advocacy Committee (TAC) at The Landings at Winmore will receive the Community Champion Award, recognizing their commitment to building community at The Landings. The recipients are Briann Mendez-Valdiviezo, John Owen, Tanya Pace, Annie Judd, and Jennifer Kimbrough. The Good Neighbor Award is sponsored by the Teresa Parker Group at Union Home Mortgage, and the Community Champion Award is sponsored by Pinnacle Financial Partners.

"We are so grateful for the network of people whose commitment to this community make it the incredible place to live that it is: from developers like Roger, who have the vision and ingenuity to integrate affordable homes into our community; to residents like Deneane and the TAC team who turn that potential into truly community-focused neighborhoods. It is such a pleasure to be able to honor these folks for who they are and what they have accomplished," shared Sanchez.

The public is invited to attend Community Home Trust's annual meeting, during which the organization will mark its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, unveil the results of its recently completed impact study, recognize outgoing Board members and elect a new slate, discuss the year's accomplishments and plans for the year ahead, and review financial statements. All Community Home Trust homeowners and tenants are eligible to vote for new Board members. Registration for the virtual meeting, to be held on Zoom, is free but required. Visit <https://communityhometruster.org/annual-meeting/> to view the complete agenda and register to attend.

About Community Home Trust (CHT): Community Home Trust delivers housing affordability to diverse populations in partnership with communities. CHT currently has 332 homeownership and rental units in its inventory in Orange County, NC. The median cost of a CHT home is less than one-third of the median cost of a home in Orange County and remains affordable for 99 years. Learn more at [communityhometruster.org](https://communityhometruster.org).

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