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TAFT-MILLS GROUP TO RECEIVE ROGER PERRY EXCEPTIONAL INNOVATION AWARD; ROBERT DOWLING AND CAMIANNE BERRETH ALSO TO BE RECOGNIZED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY

On Sunday, September 24, Community Home Trust (CHT) will present its third annual awards to several people who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to their community. The awards will be presented at the Orange County organization's Annual Meeting and Block Party, which will be held at Southern Community Park from 3 to 7 p.m. This year's Roger Perry Exceptional Innovation Award will be presented to the Taft-Mills Group and for the third year in a row is sponsored by UNC Health.

"Taft-Mills Group has a long history of developing high-quality, affordable rental housing developments that blend seamlessly into the communities in which they are located," said Kimberly Sanchez, Executive Director of Community Home Trust. "We have the privilege of working with them on their latest project in Chapel Hill, Tanyard Branch Trace, and we are excited about the 48 affordable rental units this project will bring to our community. Taft-Mills Group's years-long commitment to seeing this project through from vision to completion is inspiring, and we're honored to join UNC Health in recognizing them for that commitment."

Also to be honored during the meeting is this year's Building Better Futures Award recipient, Community Home Trust's former Executive Director Robert Dowling, a community advocate who for decades has worked toward the vision of an Orange County that is affordable for everyone who desires to call the community home. Homeowner CamiAnne Berreth will receive this year's Deanna Carson Memorial Good Neighbor Award, presented to a Community Home Trust resident who exemplifies the definition of a good neighbor and commitment to community demonstrated by the organization's late Housing Program Coordinator, Deanna Carson. The Building Better Futures Award is sponsored by East West Partners, and the Good Neighbor Award is sponsored by PNC. Over a dozen other sponsors have also contributed to making the event possible.

"For the second year in a row, I am looking forward to this really great opportunity to gather as a community," said Sanchez. "We get to celebrate these incredible leaders, reconnect with friends and neighbors, and unite around all that this community means to us. This is a highlight of the year for all of us at CHT!"

The public is invited to attend Community Home Trust's Annual Meeting and Block Party, during which the organization will also provide annual updates and celebrate the community with free food, giveaways, and live entertainment with Kevin Baker Music. Registration for the event is free and is not required but is requested for the purposes of planning. Visit <https://communityhometruster.org/annual-meeting/> to 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.

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