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SUMMIT RAISES AWARENESS AND SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE CAPITAL REGION AND BEYOND

*NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS CEO BRINGS EXPERTISE TO ALBANY TO SHARE
BEST PRACTICES IN SOLVING HOMELESSNESS*

Albany, NY - Homelessness solution advocates from across the state gathered in Albany today to hear from Nan Roman, President and CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness, and local representatives on the benefits of affordable housing and how to overcome challenges establishing housing opportunities for persons of all incomes in the region. The event was hosted by CARES of NY, Inc., a non-profit organization that empowers communities to end homelessness through community planning, program data, supportive housing and awareness building.

"There's a lot of misinformation and uncertainty in the public regarding affordable housing solutions," said Nancy Chiarella, Executive Director of CARES of NY, Inc. "Today's summit was an opportunity for affordable housing providers and supporters to hear about ways to educate their communities and stakeholders about projects, and hear from Nan Roman, the national expert on homelessness solutions."

"The lack of affordable housing CAUSES homelessness, and affordable housing is the SOLUTION to homelessness. It's not the only thing people need – but it is the thing that ends their homelessness," said Nan Roman President and CEO of the National Alliance to End Homelessness.

Summit attendees also heard from a panel consisting of affordable housing residents, local neighbors, business leaders, law enforcement, health care providers, and city planning officials on the impact of affordable housing solutions from every perspective.

The diverse group of stakeholders on the panel exemplified the importance of ensuring the availability of affordable housing for our communities' persons who are homeless, as this results in positive impacts on health, public safety, business and property values.

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CARES of NY, Inc. is a non-profit organization that empowers communities to end homelessness through community planning, program data, supportive housing and awareness building. CARES of NY, Inc. envisions a future where all people have access to safe, affordable housing, and the social supports to remain housed.

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