

Housing & Community Development News

San Diego Housing Federation
450 B Street, Ste. 1010, San Diego, CA 92101
619-239-6693 • FAX: 619-239-5523
www.housingsandiego.org • Email: sdhfi@housingsandiego.org



Volume 15, Number 9

September 2005

National HUD Conference Award Winner

Las Palmas Foundation's Victoria Fernandez was named the recipient of the National HUD Neighborhood Networks *Catalyst for Community Change Award*. Ms. Fernandez is the service coordinator at Summercrest Apartment Homes in National City.

Ms. Fernandez was given the award at this year's HUD Neighborhood Networks Conference in Orlando, Florida. This award honors Multifamily Neighborhood Networks center staff members whose dedicated commitment and outreach efforts have brought about measurable change in the center and in their community.

Ms. Fernandez was hired in May of 2003, coming into a community without any programs or services. She has made outstanding contributions to the residents' lives and environment, promoting incredible positive change. She has developed a number of noteworthy programs, including, but not limited to: computer education classes; daily lunch program; on-site mental health services, including individual and marriage therapy; medical and nutrition program; exercise classes; and senior social hour.