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Mattapoisett resident named an Affordable Housing Finance magazine “Young Leader of 2014”

Mattapoisett resident Dena Xifaras, Vice President of Asset Management at Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH), has been named an Affordable Housing Finance magazine “Young Leader of 2014.”

Xifaras is responsible for the oversight of POAH’s long-term ownership interests in its real estate portfolio which comprises close to 8,500 units and \$1 billion in asset value. She oversees the Asset Management, Technology, Energy, and Design & Construction departments, develops property and portfolio strategies, leads the development and use of higher level portfolio analytics, and fosters the growth of POAH’s ownership and operations function.

Prior to taking on her current role, Dena worked with POAH’s Development team as a Project Manager for five years, overseeing the acquisition and redevelopment of more than \$100M in total development costs and executing predevelopment assessments, financial and programmatic structuring, budgeting and project oversight.

“I am immensely proud of Dena’s contributions as a leader at POAH and beyond,” said POAH President Amy Anthony. “I have witnessed firsthand her professional development years since she began working for POAH in 2005 - first as a development project manager, then as an asset management project manager and for the last two years, as POAH’s Vice President of Asset Management. This recognition is well-deserved.”

Xifaras holds a Bachelor's degree from Boston College, a law degree from Suffolk University Law School, and two Master's degrees from Bentley College (a MBA and a Master's of Science with dual focus on Real Estate Management and Financial Planning).

Since 2008, AHF has been honoring young men and women who are building organizations and ushering in new ways of delivering affordable housing. The Young Leader award was created as a way to celebrate and support the development of a new generation of leaders. The formal public presentation of the 2014 Young Leader Awards will take place at ceremonies during the AHF Live conference Nov. 20 at the Fairmont Millennium Park in Chicago.

See the article at:

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Boston-based Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) is a nonprofit organization that preserves, creates, and restores affordable rental homes for low- and moderate-income individuals, seniors and families. POAH has rescued and restored some of America's most 'at risk' rental housing totaling close to 8,500 apartments in nine states and the District of Columbia.