



## 2020 HCCP of the Year – Matt Rayburn

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Matt Rayburn, Indiana Housing's Deputy Executive Director & Chief Real Estate Development Officer, has been chosen to be the 2020 HCCP of the Year. For those of you who know him, you understand why he is truly entitled to be the recipient of such an honor. For those of you who do not know Matt, I am confident that you will soon recognize the validation.

Matt's commitment and dedication to affordable housing has impacted not only his community, his peers, our industry and those in this professional sector, but most definitely has touched me personally.

Matt and I met in 2008 at one of our industry conferences around the enactment of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act (HERA). One of the items in HERA left many in our industry confused with respect to income limits and the qualification of income eligible households under the Tax Credit program. Matt's presentation at the conference provided clarity in "layman's terms" to an audience that exacerbated high anxiety with the new regulation. I, and many others, left the session that day with a much better understanding of the act's requirement. It was then that I knew I wanted Matt as a colleague, and I am proud to say that today he is not only a colleague, but he is a dear friend and mentor as well.

Over the years, I've had the privilege to observe Matt's strong leadership skills. He and another dear colleague of mine supported and mentored me in becoming an HCCP designee and further pursued me to an active role on the HCCP Board of Governors. I have witnessed Matt readily identify and lead many in this industry to encourage the same passion in affordable housing as he does. As a leader, he enables one to see their own individual strengths and then helps them soar to carry on the mission that he believes in.

The expertise he developed in Tax Credit and other affordable housing programs has not gone unnoticed. This man has dedicated many hours to being the best he could be while always



sharing what he has learned. He has the gift of knowledge layered with the gift of giving so that the mission of our industry programs continues to serve those in need.

This industry is well ministered with people such as Matt, and I for one will always be grateful for the professional relationship we have developed. I cannot deny that I am exceptionally proud to call him "friend." As a former recipient of the HCCP of the Year award who understands its prestigious designation, I am so honored to recognize Matt as this year's recipient.

Matt, I wish you continued success in our industry. Please accept this acknowledgment; you truly deserve it!