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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque Youth Wins Local and State Levels of ‘What Home Means to Me’ National Poster Contest

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Gynuwyn Thomas has won the local and state “What Home Means to Me” National Poster Contest, sponsored by the Iowa National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO). NAHRO’s Housing America Campaign hosts a calendar contest each year for children residing in affordable housing, and is a collaborative effort of NAHRO’s chapter/state, regional and national organizations. Thomas’ poster will now be entered at the national level to compete for one of 12 slots in the NAHRO 2014 calendar.

“Home to me is my wonderland. It’s where all my love is located. It’s where love and memories grow, after all, my home is where my heart is,” Thomas said. “I eat and sleep there, as I like to say a family that prays together stays together!”

Dubuque’s Circles Initiative<sup>®</sup> hosted the poster contest locally in May earlier this year. Thomas’ poster won first place by popular vote and he received a \$50 gift certificate and a chance to win at state level. The City of Dubuque Housing & Community Development Department received news in July that Thomas won the Iowa state level, receiving a \$50 savings bond from Iowa’s chapter of NAHRO and chance to win on the national level. Now competing at the national level, Thomas has a chance to win either a \$100 or \$500 savings bond and a family paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the National Legislative Conference. Images of Thomas and his poster design can be seen below.

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