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The Aurora Housing Authority celebrated its 30th anniversary on Wednesday, June 29 at the Residences at 6th Avenue, 601 Potomac St., Aurora. More than 100 well wishers attended the open house, including Aurora Mayor Ed Tauer, City Council members Nadine Caldwell, Ingrid Lindemann, Brad Pierce and Molly Markert.

State Senator Bob Hagedorn and Holly Rivera of U.S. Congressman Bob Beauprez's office also attended.

In his remarks to the gathering, Mayor Ed Tauer said, "The Aurora Housing Authority is not about housing, it's about people. When people have a decent, safe place to live they can begin to build a happy, productive life for their families. This is critical to developing and maintaining a strong community."

Preston Prince, AHA executive director, complimented the Mayor and Aurora City Council and staff for their efforts to create new and innovative financing programs to compensate for the diminishing HUD funds and the City's budget constraints.

Other special guests included Paul Reid, AHA chairman, former AHA board members Sister Michael Mary Eagan and Steve Anderson, Aurora Housing Corporation board members Lois Astler and Kim Harrell, Aurora City Manager Ron Miller and Director of Development Services Diane Truwe.

Established in 1975, the Aurora Housing Authority currently owns and manages 750 units of rental housing, and manages an additional 75 units owned by the Aurora Housing Corporation.

In 2004, the AHA administered 1,100 Section 8 vouchers and an average of 357 portable vouchers with an annual value to the community of over \$15.2 million. These vouchers assist families with their monthly rental expense in privately owned rental housing units.

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