



## Partners in Housing awards

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Rhode Island Housing hosted its Partners in Housing awards ceremony recently at the State House. Governor Raimondo and Barbara Fields, executive director of Rhode Island Housing, recognized four individuals, and an organization, who have worked to create better housing opportunities in Rhode Island:

Sen. Juan Pichardo, D-Providence, who chairs the Pichardo Senate Committee on Housing and Municipal Government. He is sponsoring legislation for a bond referendum that would provide \$100 million for housing, and provide critical resources for economic development and preservation.

Rep. Cale Keable, D-Burrillville, serves as chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, where he has supported fair and equitable access to housing for Rhode Islanders.

The Participating Lender Award was presented to Coastway Community Bank.

The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to family members of the late Joseph A. Caffey, who served as president and CEO of Omni Development Corp. before he died last year.

Michael Milito was presented with the Public Service Award. Milito joined Rhode Island Housing in 1998 as general counsel. He was responsible for setting the direction of Rhode Island Housing's legal department and overseeing the agency's legal work. Although he has since stepped down from that position, Milito continues to provide counsel on the agency's legislative and policy work.