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MHC to Host Homebuyer Fair in Natchez

Organizations to Provide Valuable Information About Buying, Owning a Home

Natchez, MS—Residents of Adams and the surrounding counties who are interested in purchasing a home are invited to attend a free homebuyer fair on Thursday, June 19, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Service Office in Natchez, located at 75 Carthage Point Road. The Mississippi Home Corporation, the Natchez Housing Authority, AJFC Community Action Agency, Britton & Koontz Bank, and USDA/ Rural Development will host the event. The homebuyer fair will be open to the public and will provide attendees the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of homeownership and the home buying process.

Cheryl Warren, Area Specialist with USDA/ Rural Development in MS, emphasized the importance of the information available for attendees: "The homebuyer fair will be an excellent opportunity for individuals interested in purchasing a home to meet with area lenders to discuss the various financing options available to them."

"We hold these homebuyer fairs to inform the public about the free counseling and affordable home purchasing options available to them," said Dr. Ben Mokry, Senior Vice President of MHC. "Our goal is to have attendees leave the fair with a better understanding of the home buying process and of the steps they need to take when deciding to purchase a home," he added.

"In spite of the current state of the economy and negative media attention resulting from the housing market crisis, there are still opportunities for people to become homeowners," said Frances B. Cothren, Senior Vice President of Mortgage Lending at Britton & Koontz Bank, N.A. "We see this homebuyer fair as an opportunity for people to get reliable information that will be an advantage to them in the home buying process."

Anyone interested in the upcoming homebuyer fair or who wishes to learn more about the Mississippi Home Corporation should contact MHC at 800-544-6960 or Frances Cothren at 601-445-6677.

The Mississippi Home Corporation was created by the State in 1989 to serve as the State's Housing Finance Agency. In that capacity, MHC administers the Mortgage Revenue Bond program and the Housing Tax Credit program, among others. MHC's mission is to enhance Mississippi's long-term economic viability by financing safe, decent, affordable housing and helping working families build wealth.

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