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MHC to Host Homebuyer Fair in Port Gibson

Organizations to Provide Valuable Information about Buying, Owning a Home

Port Gibson, MS—Residents of Claiborne and the surrounding counties who are interested in purchasing a home are invited to attend a free homebuyer fair on Thursday, October 21, 2008 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Claiborne County Multi-Purpose Building, 1703 Bridwell Lane in Port Gibson. The Mississippi Home Corporation, Rural Community Development Corporation, AJFC Community Action Agency, and the Claiborne County Board of Supervisors 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.

Port Gibson Mayor Fred Reeves voiced his support for the upcoming Homebuyer Fair: “The Board of Alderperson and I are aware of the grave need for affordable housing in Port Gibson. The fair will inform potential homebuyers of the details of acquiring homes.” He went on to discuss the potential for growth in the area, saying that Port Gibson “will grow in the near future with the expansion of the Grand Gulf nuclear power Plant Unit 3, which will accelerate the need for additional homes”

Clarence Scutter, Present and CEO, Rural Community Development Corporation, reiterated the Mayor’s statement about the need for homebuyer education in Claiborne County, saying, “We need to look at ways to address these local housing needs. Many residents are not aware of the process by which they can become homeowners.”

“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.

“The homebuyer Fair will afford us the opportunity to have professionals on hand in the area to provide this essential information to our community,” noted Scutter. “It is our

duty to ensure that our residents are familiar with all the issues related to homeownership.”

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 Clarence Scutter at 601-218-1164.

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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