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**MHC to Hold Consecutive Homebuyer Fairs in Tallahatchie and Quitman Counties**  
Attendees Will Receive Valuable Information about Buying and Owning a Home

Lambert, MS and Charleston, MS—The Mississippi Home Corporation (MHC) invites citizens of Lambert and Charleston and the surrounding areas to attend one of two free Homebuyer Fairs to be held on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The fair in Charleston will take place on Wednesday, June 4 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Charleston City Hall at 26 South Square. The following day, MHC will host another fair in Lambert, MS from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the YOU—Family Life Building at 723 Riverside Drive.

According to Dr. Ben Mokry, Senior Vice President of MHC, "Considering all the uncertainties in today's housing market, Homebuyer Fairs like these become especially important." Representatives of MHC, USDA/ Rural Development, banks, and local Community Housing Development Organizations will be present at both fairs. "Mississippians looking to purchase homes around the state need to make informed decisions based on sound advice," continued Mokry. "These events will allow them to get that advice from participating agencies in one convenient location."

Bernard Handy with the Quitman County Community Development Organization emphasized the importance of Homebuyer Fairs to local residents: "Homebuyer fairs are important to our area because there's not a lot of knowledge about the home buying process. Many people don't think they can buy a home when in fact it's easier than they think." Counseling agencies will also be available to those who fear their credit score would keep them from purchasing a home. "Some people think bad credit will keep them from buying a home. Sometimes it's a matter of sitting down with [a counselor] and working on weak areas in their credit history," said Handy.

Anyone interested in the upcoming Homebuyer Fairs or who wishes to learn more about the Mississippi Home Corporation should contact MHC at 800-544-6960, Bruce Bolen at 662-578-8045, ext. 4, or Sherry King or Bernard Handy at 662-326-4000.

*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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