

MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

***HOMeward BOUND
A HOMEBUYER FAIR***

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COUNTY CORP, Montgomery County's non-profit development corporation, The Dayton Area Board of Realtors, and the Dayton Daily News join together to offer the first Annual Homebuyer Fair. First-time home buyers are encouraged to attend Homeward Bound - a free Home Buying Fair coming to Hara Arena on Saturday, June 11. The day-long event will make it easy for first-time homebuyers to gather information about loan programs, housing options, credit ratings, downpayment assistance, and much more. Homebuyer education certificates can be earned by attending two sessions repeated morning and afternoon. Those attending will also have an opportunity to talk one-on-one with lenders and realtors.

According to Thomas E. Fortener, President of the Dayton Area Board of Realtors, "We are pleased with the response from the realtors and the lenders for the event. Ten lenders promoting affordable loan programs and 25 real estate firms that have listings for first-time homebuyers will be represented. In addition, three non-profits, CityWide Development Corporation's Mortgage Credit Counseling, The

Homeownership Center, and COUNTY CORP will be on-hand to discuss down payment assistance programs.”

“It is so important that first-time homebuyers have a good understanding of the homebuying process. Knowing their credit rating and how to improve it can save them thousands of dollars”, said Marlene J. Flagel, President of COUNTY CORP. Providing information to first-time homebuyers will prevent them from becoming victims of excessive loan fees and higher interest rate loans. She continued, “A year ago, COUNTY CORP launched a new credit repair program and the results have been outstanding. The program is aimed at increasing the borrowers credit score and providing them with a written easy to understand improvement plan. We will be at Homeward Bound promoting this program.”

The event is free and will be held at the Conference Center at Hara Arena from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 11.
