

## MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

### ***NON-PROFIT AGENCY IS HERE TO HELP!***

For Immediate Release

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According to Marlene Flagel, President of COUNTY CORP, "We want potential lower-income applicants who need to make repairs to their homes to know that there is an alternative to high risk lenders. We have seen an increasing trend for families with credit issues of becoming victims of excessively high interest rates and monthly payments." She continued, "Those least able to afford it are paying a hefty price and worse yet, eventually losing their homes." Recently released statistics by Montgomery County's Clerk of Courts, Dan Foley, are proving this to be true. Filed foreclosures have more than doubled between 1999 and 2003, reaching 4,227 last year.

At COUNTY CORP, not everyone may qualify for a rehab loan today, but our staff works with families to position them for an affordable loan in the near future." COUNTY CORP, the non-profit development arm for Montgomery County, offers affordable home improvement loans with interest rates as low as 4%. The COUNTY CORP team is ready to help with loans for siding, windows, doors, remodeled kitchens, and baths, as well as new furnaces and other energy related improvements. For the past 24 years, COUNTY CORP has served low- and

moderate-income families in Montgomery County, outside the Cities of Dayton and Kettering.

Aggressive advertising by predatory lenders who offer quick money with instant approval lures more and more households. The reality is high interest rates, balloon payments, and more debt than the property is worth.

The mission of COUNTY CORP is to improve the quality of life for residents of Montgomery County and neighboring Counties through improved housing and economic opportunities.

If you have an interest in making home improvements, COUNTY CORP has no application fee and can take applications over the phone. Call COUNTY CORP today at 225-6328 for more information.