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Huge Turnout at “Fix Your Mortgage” Foreclosure Event

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Three additional “Fix Your Mortgage” dates scheduled in 2010

More than 600 people representing nearly 300 families at risk of foreclosure received free assistance filling out and submitting to their lenders loan modification applications at the June 5 “Fix Your Mortgage” foreclosure-prevention event. The event was held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 5, at Curie Metro High School, 4959 S. Archer Ave.



Homeowners received assistance and guidance from approximately 120 volunteer real estate attorneys and HUD-certified counselors.

The City of Chicago in partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago (NHS) and Attorneys’ Title Guaranty Fund, Inc. (ATG) co-sponsored the event.

The next Fix Your Mortgage event happens on Saturday, July 24, at Little Village High School, 3120 S. Kostner Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The final two Chicago events in 2010 are: • August 21, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Northside College Prep High School, 5501 N. Kedzie Ave. • October 16, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Westinghouse College Prep, 3223 W. Franklin Blvd. Prior to attending Fix Your Mortgage, homeowner Iris Villagran says she had no hope for stopping the foreclosure of her home. Her economic hardship is the result of a divorce, which left her solely responsible for paying her \$2,000 monthly mortgage.

Villagran has two young children to support and said she is now several months behind on her mortgage. However, after completing her loan modification application at the event, her outlook changed.

“Before today, I was just waiting for the foreclosure, and I was not thinking positively,” said Villagran. “Now there is hope that I can save my home. The volunteer attorney I worked with said I have a good shot at getting a loan modification.” “We have three more events in 2010, and strongly encourage homeowners to make use of these free

services,” said Ellen Sahli, first deputy commissioner for the City of Chicago, Department of Community Development. “Don’t wait until you get behind on your mortgage; we are here to provide trustworthy, professional and free help at the first sign of trouble.”

For more on future foreclosure prevention events, NHS of Chicago: 773.329.4185 (English) or 773.329.4181 (Spanish); or visit the City of Chicago: [http://www-cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org), NHS: <http://www.nhschicago.org> or ATG: <http://www.atgf.com>.

Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc.

A nonprofit organization established in 1975, Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago, Inc. (NHS) is committed to offering Chicago residents affordable resources so that they can buy, maintain and sustain their homes. It partners with residents, block clubs, neighborhood organizations, financial institutions, the City of Chicago, insurance companies, corporations and foundations so that families can protect and preserve their single biggest investment—their homes. NHS is a charter member of the NeighborWorks® America network. Today, there are more than 230 network organizations working to revitalize communities with affordable mortgage financing and comprehensive homebuyer counseling.

Attorneys’ Title Guaranty Fund, Inc.

Through its nearly 4,000 member attorneys across Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana, Attorneys’ Title Guaranty has presided over more than 2.5 million home closings and provided homebuyers with competitively priced title insurance since 1964. The only bar-related title insurance company based in Illinois, ATG has built a significant market share by providing excellent service at competitive prices. It has a financial stability rating of “A Prime Unsurpassed” from the independent ratings bureau, Demotech.