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# **MEDIA ALERT**

The Dallas County Home Loan Counseling Center has been at the forefront of helping first-time homebuyers become responsible homeowners for more than 20 years. June is National Homeownership Month. To celebrate, the Home Loan Counseling Center, along with other HUD-approved counseling agencies and HUD down payment assistance programs, is participating in the Home Buying Expo from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday** at Friendship West Baptist Church, 2020 W. Wheatland Road in Dallas. Prospective homebuyers are encouraged to attend this comprehensive free event!

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## **Free Dallas Home Buying Expo during National Homeownership Month**

*CCCS of Greater Dallas partners with local nonprofits and businesses to provide housing counseling*

**Dallas – June 2, 2011** – June is national homeownership month, and to celebrate, [Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Dallas](#) (CCCS of Greater Dallas) is partnering with HUD approved counseling agencies and HUD grant programs in the Dallas/Fort Worth Area to host a free Home Buying Expo on **Saturday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at [Friendship West Baptist Church](#)**, 2020 West Wheatland Road, Dallas, Texas 75232.

In addition to CCCS of Greater Dallas, the event will be hosted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)), [Dallas County Home Loan Counseling Center](#), [Urban League of Greater Dallas and North Central Texas](#), [Enterprise Community Partners](#), [Wells Fargo Home Mortgage](#), and [The Home Depot](#).

“With the current low interest rates and low price tag for homes, now is an excellent time to buy,” said **Todd Mark, vice president of education for [CCCS of Greater Dallas](#)**. “However, it’s important for buyers to be well informed of the purchasing process to ensure they are prepared for and financially secure in their investment.”

Attendees of the Home Buying Expo will be able to meet with HUD approved counselors and industry professionals to learn:

- The step-by-step process of buying a home
- Why money planning is important to improve your credit score
- How to qualify for special grant programs in the Dallas/Fort Worth area
- What area down payment assistance programs are available
- Where to attend a Home Buyer Education Class
- How to get pre-qualified for a mortgage loan

“We know that homeownership promotes stable neighborhoods and communities. Research clearly demonstrates that children who live in homes their families own do better in school, and that homeownership is the cornerstone of most families' individual wealth,” said **Bob Cook, Field Office Director, Dallas HUD Office**. “Homeownership is a ‘win-win’ situation for families and our communities alike.”

For more information about the Home Expo, call 214-819-6060 or email [HLCC@dallascounty.org](mailto:HLCC@dallascounty.org)

For more information regarding housing counseling, or one of our free educational classes or [webinars](#), contact CCCS of Greater Dallas at 800-249-2227 or visit [www.cccs.net](http://www.cccs.net).

**About CCCS of Greater Dallas**

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Greater Dallas, Inc. is a nonprofit, community-based credit counseling and debt management service. Established in 1974, CCCS of Greater Dallas and its affiliate offices provide financial education and counseling to consumers in-person, by phone, or Internet at 19 locations in four states. CCCS of Greater Dallas is a HUD-approved housing counseling multi-state organization and serves as one of seven counseling agencies supporting the 888-995-HOPE Hotline. The agency is also a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC), the nation’s largest and longest serving national nonprofit credit counseling network. To learn more about CCCS of Greater Dallas’ free seminars or the agency’s services, call 800-249-2227, visit [www.cccs.net](http://www.cccs.net) or become a fan of CCCS of Greater Dallas on [Facebook](#) to receive updates on agency events and offerings.

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**HOME BUYING EXPO PARTICIPANTS**

**HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies**

BCL of Texas  
CCCS of Greater Dallas  
Dallas County Home Loan Counseling Center  
North Texas Housing Coalition  
Novadebt  
NID Housing Counseling Agency  
Tarrant County Housing Partnership  
Urban League

**Down Payment Assistance Programs**

Arlington, City of – Tarrant County Housing Partnership  
Dallas, City of - Enterprise Community Partners  
Dallas, City of – Mortgage Credit Certificate  
Dallas County – UPCAP and HOYO  
Fort Worth, City of  
Grand Prairie, City of  
Irving, City of  
Lewisville, City of  
USDA

**Non-Profit Builders (CHDO)**

Builders of Hope  
East Dallas Community Organization (EDCO)  
Southfair Community Development Corporation

**Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP)**

Arlington & Tarrant County – TCHP  
Habitat for Humanity – Dallas Co. NSP Program

**Others**

Friendship-West Baptist Church  
HUD Approved Counselors Table  
HUD  
HUD Homes  
MetroTex Realtors  
Wells Fargo  
Home Depot