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Michigan Community Response Toolkit Expands to Guide Homeowners

Lansing, MI – During the past six months, The Michigan Community Foreclosure Response Toolkit (www.miforeclosureresponse.org) has guided more than 2,000 homeowners and community leaders to comprehensive information, resources and best practices to help reduce both mortgage and tax foreclosures, stabilize the housing market and redevelop vacant properties.

The Michigan Foreclosure Task Force (MFTF), a program of the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM) created and manages this website as a response to Michigan's ongoing tax and mortgage foreclosure crisis. Underwritten by Charter One Bank, it was created to be a comprehensive, user-friendly resource providing updated and relevant information to every person in every corner of Michigan.

The MFTF recently added a new **Homeowner Help Button** to the comprehensive site allowing at-risk homeowners who want simple, direct advice to get it with the click of a button. More detailed information remains available on the site and can be accessed through a search function.

"We still have tens of thousands of people who are at risk of losing their homes but don't know where to start," said Neeta Delaney, MFTF Director. "The new Homeowner Help Button makes it easy to take that first step and take full advantage of everything else available on www.miforeclosureresponse.org."

The MFTF recently produced a 90-second YouTube video (www.youtube.be/AqtJ8c3aUq4) and a podcast (www.miforeclosureresponse.org/get-involved/share) detailing the toolkit's features and benefits. Additional information can also be found on CEDAM's website www.cedam.info.

Hosted by CEDAM, the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force (MFTF) was formed in 2007 and has championed legislative causes such as Michigan's 90-Day Pre-Foreclosure Negotiation Law, as well as pioneered the Michigan Foreclosure Prevention Corps, which has provided 60 AmeriCorps members to local foreclosure counseling and prevention programs. The MFTF has a diverse membership including counseling agencies, legal services attorneys, financial institutions, state and local officials and others working together to address the foreclosure crisis. For additional information, please visit www.cedam.info/foreclosure.

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