

**HOME RESCUE FAIR PROVIDES HOME RETENTION SERVICES FOR**

**QUEENS HOMEOWNERS AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES**

*Local/National Partnerships Lead Coordinated Effort to**Provide Resources to Homeowners Facing Financial Hardship*

(April 23, 2011) Queens, NY – According to recent data, the borough of **Jamaica, Queens has had the highest total number of foreclosures in New York City over the last three years**, with 1,031. To further their commitment to assist homeowners in the nation’s hardest hit neighborhoods, the Center for New York City Neighborhoods (CNYCN) in conjunction with the Alliance for Stabilizing our Communities and the Office of Council Member Leroy Comrie, Queens District 27, will host the *Rise Up & Stay Put!* Home Rescue Fair on April 23 to assist households at risk. The Fair will take place at York College located at 160-02 Liberty Avenue in Jamaica, Queens from 10am – 3pm providing intensive counseling and home-retention strategies including workshops and in-language assistance. Homeowners can pre-register for the fair by visiting **www.cnycn.org** or call **646**.**786**.**0888.** Special fair guests include New YorkCity Councilman LeroyComrie, and KISS FM’s Bob Slade.

At the Fair, homeowners will benefit from:

* One-on-one sessions with HUD-certified housing counselors and attorneys
* In-language assistance
* One-on-one session with loan specialists from a variety of lenders

Quote from CM Comrie

“This is the second *Rise Up & Stay Put!* Home Rescue Fair that we are conducting in partnership with Council Member Comrie. His leadership and continued commitment to fight the foreclosure crisis in Southeast Queens have been critical to thousands of Queens homeowners who will now remain safely in their homes,” said Michael Hickey, Executive Director of CNYCN. “While foreclosures appear to be slightly lower in Queens, the economic conditions, especially loss of income and unemployment, continue to hinder local residents. Currently, there are 30,000 pending foreclosure actions in New York City, and we expect things to worsen in 2011 with Queens still remaining the epicenter of the crisis.”

Clients are encouraged to bring the following documents:

* Current pay stubs (within the last 30 days)
* 2008 and 2009 income tax returns (2010 if you already filed this year)
* 3 months of bank statements
* Household expense budget
* Most recent property insurance and mortgage statements
* Copy of closing documents
* Most recent correspondence from your mortgage company
* A letter explaining reasons for your current financial difficulty
* A current utility bill

CNYCN was created in 2008 by Mayor Bloomberg, the New York City Council, foundations and corporate leaders to provide free housing counseling and legal services to New York City homeowners at risk of losing their homes to foreclosure. To date, CNYCN and its 27 non-profit Network Partners have assisted more than 12,000 homeowners throughout New York City neighborhoods hardest hit by foreclosures.

The Alliance has served over 9,000 households over the past two years as a result of 35 successful events hosted in 28 high-risk communities around the country. The program began as part of a two-year commitment by the Alliance organizations—through a $2.5 million grant from Bank of America—to provide resources and counseling to homeowners with the greatest need.

For more information, homeowners can call 646.786.0888.

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