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Local Partners Celebrate National Homeownership Month with Open House Event on June 18, 2014

Event will provide information about key resources available to help Mesa County residents achieve homeownership.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (May 16, 2014) – Looking to buy a home, but don't know where to begin? Several Mesa County housing organizations are coming together to help answer your questions. Housing Resources of Western Colorado (HRWC), Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County, Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA), Grand Junction Housing Authority (GJHA) and CLT Closing and Title Services, LLC (CLT) will host an Open House on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at CHFA's offices located at 348 Main St. in Grand Junction, Colo. to raise awareness about the many different options available to help families and individuals achieve their dreams of homeownership.

The Open House is part of how the organizations will celebrate June as National Homeownership Month. Attendees will learn about the different homeownership programs and resources offered by each of the sponsoring organizations. Topics will include information about:

- Homebuyer education classes available through the Grand Junction Housing Authority and Housing Resources of Western Colorado;
- Employer down payment assistance programs available in the community;
- Home purchase and refinance loans available through CHFA;
- How to achieve homeownership through Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County and Housing Resources;
- FHA's Back to Work program designed to help people who previously lost their homes due to foreclosure, short sale, or bankruptcy and who now are ready to purchase a new home; and
- What is title insurance and why is it needed during the home buying process.

The event brings together vast amounts of knowledge in one place. Families or individuals wanting to buy a home can educate themselves about the pitfalls and tricks of building, buying, and maintaining their home. The main goal of all agencies involved is for people to have a safe, decent, and affordable place they can call home. Formal presentations by each agency will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Each June during National Homeownership Month, Americans have the opportunity to reflect on how homeownership has enhanced our lives and contributed to the thriving communities we call home. Home builders, such as Housing Resources and Habitat for Humanity of Mesa County, continue to work with housing finance innovators, like CHFA, consumer education organizations and government officials to advance and protect affordable homeownership opportunities in our country and help families achieve the American dream of homeownership.

For more information about the Open House event, and more information about the sponsoring entities, please visit their websites or contact their representative:

www.housingresourceswc.org

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