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## Media Advisory

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### **Education will allow potential homebuyers to fulfill the American Dream**

**WHO:** Voice of Calvary Ministries

**WHEN & WHERE:** Saturday, March 15th, 9am-2pm, NeighborWorks Homeownership Center, Voice of Calvary Ministries, 720 W. Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi.

**WHAT:** Owning a home has long been an American dream. However, owning a home is a tremendous responsibility and potential homeowners need the right tools to make it work. This course takes participants step-by-step through the homeownership process and will help to determine if homeownership is right for them. Some of the topics covered in the workshop:

- Are you ready
- Understanding credit
- Shopping for a home
- Credit repair
- Managing your money
- Getting a mortgage loan
- Finances and budgeting
- Home repair and maintenance
- Foreclosure prevention

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Voice of Calvary Ministries, through its Housing Services Program, is currently building 10 new affordable homes in the inner-city and partnering with the City of Jackson who is providing funds to rehab existing structures on the same street. They are also renovating the historic land mark, Capitol St. United Methodist Church in downtown Jackson to house the youth leadership and adult empowerment programs and VOCM administrative offices. In 2006 and 2007, they built the 16 unit Victory Park Subdivision in McComb for residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina. VOCM also offers financial counseling to hundreds of families. This counseling helps them improve their credit situations, giving them an opportunity to purchase a home and remain in that home. We have only had one default in our years of service to the community.

Voice of Calvary Ministries is a member of the national NeighborWorks® network which is made up of more than 230 organizations building safe, affordable housing; providing homeownership and financial fitness opportunities; and spurring economic development in thousands of neighborhoods in nearly 50 states. In the last five years alone, NeighborWorks® organizations have invested \$10 billion in America's communities and helped nearly 780,000 families of modest means purchase or improve their homes or secure safe rental or mutual housing.

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