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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Voice of Calvary Ministries, a NeighborWorks America member organization, is hosting a Back to School Youth Rally at Claiborne Park

WHO: Voice of Calvary Ministries, Mississippi Department of Human Services, NeighborWorks America and St. Dominic's Health Services

WHEN & WHERE: Saturday, August 9, 2008, Claiborne Park (behind Provine High School) 9am to 1pm.

WHAT: A Back to School Party "We are continuing to support the youth of this area by hosting a rally in time for the beginning of the school year. Free food, games, and rides will be provided. In addition, Mr. Juan Wilson, President of Youth Solutions, will be on hand to talk to our youth about the importance of a good education.. The first 100 children will receive free school supplies, including backpacks." states Erma Driver, President/Chief Executive Officer of Voice of Calvary Ministries. "We want to thank our sponsors, NeighborWorks America, St. Dominic's Health Services and the Mississippi Department of Human Services. Everyone is invited to have a good time and celebrate the continuing education of our children."

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Voice of Calvary Ministries, through its Affordable Housing Construction, Housing Services, and Volunteerism, has rehabbed over 370 homes, built the 16 unit Victory Park Subdivision for residents displaced by Hurricane Katrina, and 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."

NeighborWorks America creates opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership and to safe and affordable rental housing. To date, we have assisted nearly 850,000 low- to moderate-income families with their housing needs. Much of our success is achieved through our support of the NeighborWorks network □ more than 230 community development organizations working in 4,400 urban, suburban and rural communities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In the last five years, NeighborWorks organizations have generated more than \$12.4 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks America is the nation's leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals. www.nw.org.

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