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Dear Colleague:

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend a **“Strengthening Families: Community Stabilization and Healthy Housing Summit”**. This event is being convened through partnerships among the Green City Development Group and the Interagency Healthy Communities Task Force, U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Center for Working Families, and the Morris Brown Research Institute. In addition, the Georgia Departments of Community Affairs and Human Resources, U.S. Departments of Labor, Energy, Education, Veterans Affairs and Small Business Administration, Luther Judson Price High School Alumni Association and other State, public and private organizations have joined in this effort. The Summit is designed specifically for faith and community-based organizations, strong families’ coalitions, youth and fatherhood programs, public and private organizations, healthy marriage community coalitions, schools, colleges and universities, Head Start and Community Action Agencies, State and local human service agencies, youth and families, and practitioners from various disciplines. This event will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2009, 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. at the Atlanta Civic Center, 395 Piedmont Avenue, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. On-Site Registration is 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.

**The overall purpose is** “To empower and educate families and communities to utilize the American Recovery and Re-Investment Act of 2009 stimulus funds and other resources”. **The goals are to:**

- Strengthen the role of community organizations in the economic recovery and poverty reduction.
- Promote responsible fatherhood and healthy families.
- Strengthen families/organizations by educating them about purchasing homes, preventing foreclosures, loan modification and mitigation, weatherization programs, green economy, jobs/training, homelessness, preventive health care, avoiding health hazards, exploring, and sharing resources.

There is a special session designed for the faith-community based organizations on effective grant writing. This session is designed for existing organizations that want to learn about accessing funding resources, and/or new organizations wanting information on writing grant applications for federal, public and private funding. I hope you will be able to join us, for your perspective will add a valuable dimension to this important discussion.

Registration is free, **but is required for all participants**. Go to <http://www.greencitygroup.co.nr>. Alternatively, you may fill out the attached registration form and e-mail to one of the following persons: [gjohnson@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:gjohnson@acf.hhs.gov), [dosburn@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:dosburn@acf.hhs.gov), or you may fax to Gwendolyn Johnson at 404-562-2982 by Friday, August 15, 2009. If you are not able to attend, please consider sending a representative. Should you have any questions, please call Gwendolyn Johnson at 404-562-2835 or Danny Osburn at 404-562-2818. I look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

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