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CEDAM's Capital Day: ***Nonprofits from across Michigan to Meet with Legislators to*** ***Discuss Key Issues***

Lansing, MI - The Community Economic Development Association (CEDAM) is pleased to announce its **2nd Capital Day** event on **November 10, 2009 at the State Capitol Speaker's Library (Room 252), 9 am- 3 pm.** Approximately 60 nonprofit organizations and individuals (members of CEDAM, the Statewide Asset Building Coalition, and the Michigan Foreclosure Task Force) from all across Michigan will be meeting with their state legislators to discuss key issues. Attendees of Capital Day will also have an opportunity to learn how the legislative process works.

“With all the important work that they do, nonprofit organizations don't always have the time or resources necessary to effectively take part in the democratic process and support issues that are critical to their work and the people and communities they serve. Now, perhaps more than ever before, legislators need to hear from those organizations about their priorities and we are excited to help make this happen,” said Ross H. Yednock, the Director of the Asset Building Policy Project.

Event attendees will learn advocacy strategies from expert Jean Doss of J. Doss consulting, have lunch with the legislative chairs of the Michigan Nonprofit Caucus, and meet in groups with legislators from around the state. **The issues being discussed with legislators are: Foreclosure Rescue Scams, Predatory Lending, the Earned Income Tax Credit, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance by unemployed workers, and the 2010 Census.**

The Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), a nonprofit organization, represents almost 400 organizations and individuals committed to rebuilding our neighborhoods and revitalizing communities throughout Michigan. CEDAM is a voluntary association of primarily nonprofit community development corporations (CDCs), community action agencies, and other nonprofits that provide affordable and supportive housing to our most vulnerable citizens, encourage downtown and commercial corridor revitalization, provide workforce and entrepreneurship training, and help families develop and maintain assets to better lives.