



Press Release

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Legislators Building Communities Initiative; Encouraging a Summer of Community Service Across Michigan

Who: Legislative Co-Chairs:
Senator Mark C. Jansen (Grand Rapids), Senator Rebekah Warren (Ann Arbor), Rep. Wayne Schmidt (Traverse City), and Rep. Lisa Howze (Detroit)
Living in Michigan Coalition represented by:
Gary Heidel, MSHDA Executive Director
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Sandy Pearson, President and CEO, Habitat for Humanity Michigan

What: The Living in Michigan Coalition is sponsoring a summer-long campaign called Legislators Building Communities (www.legislatorsbuildingcommunities.org) aiming to engage state elected officials in affordable housing and community development service projects in their districts/communities.

Living in Michigan is a coalition that brings together more than 30 statewide and regional organizations, including the Community Economic Development Association of Michigan (CEDAM), Habitat for Humanity Michigan and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA), that promote quality affordable housing and strong community development around the state.

Originally formed as an advocacy coalition, Living in Michigan now seeks to educate policy-makers and the public alike on the importance of investing in our communities. The coalition is led jointly by CEDAM and Habitat for Humanity of Michigan.

When: **Tuesday, April 26, 2011**
9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Where: Capitol Rotunda