



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE DATE: October 8, 2013

Contacts:

Jennifer López
Nevada Attorney General's Office
JLopez@aq.nv.qov

Monica Vanyo
BRAINtrust Marketing +
Communications
702-862-4242
Monica@braintrustlv.com

Michele Johnson
Financial Guidance Center
702-364-0344
Michele@financialguidancecenter.org

Home Again Introduces Statewide Community Partnership Program

Launch partners include City of Las Vegas, City of Henderson, Clark County, Eureka County, and Dignity Health

Las Vegas, NV — Today, Home Again: Nevada Homeowner Relief Program, introduced their Community Partnership Program, a statewide, grassroots outreach initiative. As part of ongoing efforts of the Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto, and the Financial Guidance Center, Home Again has received over 11,600 inquiries from Nevadans who are interested in learning about state and federal housing resources that may be available to them. Home Again will continue serving Nevadans as the "one-stop shop" for housing resources and questions. The overwhelming support of the Community Partnership Program by local municipalities is the launching point of a broad approach that will include businesses, local governments, and non-profit agencies across Nevada.

"This is a major step forward in Home Again's effort to continue serving as the one-stop shop for Nevadans. We are thankful to have fostered strong relationships with the City of Las Vegas, the City of Henderson, Clark County, Eureka County, and Dignity Health thus far, and look forward to working with additional municipalities and small businesses across Nevada to continue addressing the ongoing need within our community. Our intention is to bring this invaluable resource directly to all Nevadans with our aggressive outreach efforts and partnerships with businesses across the state," said **Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto**.

"A thriving business sector, effective local governments and zealous non-profit organizations are the pillars of a strong Nevada. By launching our Community Partners Program with these institutions, we are striving to ensure that all Nevadans are informed about the resources available to them. I applaud the grassroots efforts of Home Again and I am eager to see the continued success of the program," concluded **Michele Johnson, President and CEO of Financial Guidance Center**.

The purpose of the Home Again Community Partnership Program is to maximize advocacy efforts by uniting business and community partners in Nevada. Joining the Home Again Community Partnership Program is simple and will help educate Nevadans about this resource. Being a member simply requires one's commitment to facilitate easy outreach within existing organizations. Doing so will help Home Again assist Nevadans who are recovering from the housing crisis.

If you are interested in becoming a Community Partner, visit the Home Again website at http://www.homeagainnevada.gov/community-partner.

SUGGESTED TWEET:

@CityofLasVegas @CityofHenderson @ClarkCountyNV @DignityHealth become community partners with @NevadaAG 's @HomeAgainNevada program.

About Home Again – Nevada Homeowner Relief Program

Home Again, initiated by the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, is a collaboration with counseling agencies approved by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Home Again program is designed for:

- Households working toward home ownership
- Those seeking credit restoration
- Homeowners seeking loan modification
- Those who are facing foreclosure

The no-fee service is available for all Nevadans simply by calling toll free 1-855-HLP-4-NEV (1-855-457-4638). The call center is open 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Assistance is available in both English and Spanish. Information is also available at homeAgainNevada.gov/media. To download logos and other program assets, visit www.homeagainnevada.gov/media.

For advertising opportunities, contact Monica Vanyo.

This program is a partnership between the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, Financial Guidance Center (FGC), Nevada Legal Services (NLS) and Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Participating U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development approved agencies in the program include: FGC, NLS, Housing for Nevada, Community Services of Nevada, Neighborhood Housing Services, Novadebt, Springboard, and Chicanos Por La Causa.

About Financial Guidance Center

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Southern Nevada, Inc. D/B/A Financial Guidance Center (FGC) is an IRS 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the residents of the State of Nevada since 1972. An accredited agency by both the United Way of Southern Nevada and the United Way of Northern Nevada and the Sierra, FGC prides itself as being the ultimate "one-stop shop" for all Nevadans — developing, through behavior-oriented financial education, counseling, coaching, and access to additional financial stability and asset-development programs and resources, the capability for consumers to build, obtain and maintain assets as they work toward financial stability and develop resources to withstand economic shocks.

Beware of scams

Attorney General Masto warns all homeowners to be aware of mortgage/foreclosure scams. If you believe that someone is conducting a scam, visit <u>ag.nv.gov</u> to submit a written complaint or contact the Attorney General's Hotline at 702-486-3132 to receive instructions on how to submit a complaint.

###