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## ***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA IN JANUARY***

**RICHMOND, Va.** – Are you interested in becoming a homeowner but don't know where to begin? The Virginia Housing Development Authority and local nonprofits are offering free homeownership education classes throughout January in the Southwest Virginia region.

Homeownership education classes cover topics including credit issues, personal finances, home inspections and the role of lenders and real estate agents. In addition to helping home buyers understand the home buying process, the completion of a homeownership education class is now required of all borrowers before applying for a VHDA home loan.

Attend one of the many free sessions below to learn about the advantages of the homeownership.

### **RADFORD**

- Jan. 31, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the New River Community Action, Inc, 644 West Main St. For more information, please contact Kim Matthews at (540) 633-5133, ext. 40.

### **ROANOKE**

- Jan. 10, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Total Action Against Poverty, 145 Campbell Avenue, Suite 700. For more information, please contact Charlotte Davis at (540) 345-6781.
- Jan. 17, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Blue Ridge Housing Development, 510-11<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. For more information, please contact Andrea Hager at (540) 777-2777.

For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit [www.vhda.com](http://www.vhda.com). Please call in advance to ensure homeownership classes have not been cancelled.

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