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***FREE VHDA HOMEOWNERSHIP CLASSES SET FOR
NORTHERN VIRGINIA IN FEBRUARY***

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 February 2010 in the Northern 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 homeownership.

ALEXANDRIA

- February 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the South County Center (Room 221), 8350 Richmond Highway. For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham at (703) 246-5264.
- February 13, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Center for Housing Counseling Training, 2550 Huntington Avenue, Suite 200. For more information, contact Paige Mowry at (703) 246-5264 ext. 103.

ARLINGTON

- February 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 South 16th St. For more information, contact Karen Serfis at (703) 527-3854.

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- February 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Walter Reed Community Center, 2909 South 16th St. For more information, contact Ritha Gutierrez at (703) 527-3854. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

FAIRFAX

- February 17 and 25, 2010 from 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Pkwy. (Room 4-5 & 2-3). For more information, contact Dorette Cunningham (703) 246-5264. **You must attend both classes.**

FALLS CHURCH

- February 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Ste 200. For more information, contact Faith Johnson at (703) 671-5666 ext. 16.
- February 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Hispanic Committee of Virginia, 5827 Columbia Pike, Ste 200. For more information, contact Art Hernandez at (703) 671-5666 ext. 16. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**

FREDERICKSBURG

- February 6, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors, 2050 Gordon W. Shelton Blvd. For more information, contact VHDA contact center at (877) 843-2123.
- February 6, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors, 2050 Gordon W. Shelton Blvd. For more information, contact VHDA contact center at (877) 843-2123. **This class is taught exclusively in Spanish.**
- February 16 and 18, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Central VA Housing Coalition, 208 Hudgins Rd. For more information, contact Don Willis at (540) 604-9943 ext. 10 and 14. **You must attend both classes.**

MANASSAS

- February 6, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at SERVE, Inc., 10056 Dean Dr. For more information, contact Veronica Roth at (703) 367-6728.

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WARRENTON

- February 23 and 25, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Alice Jane Childs Building, 320 Hospital Hill. For more information, contact Barbara Downs at (540) 428-8724.

WOODBIDGE

- February 6, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15491 Donald Curtis Drive. Class held in Leesylvania Room. For more information, contact (703) 792-6289.
- February 20, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ferlazzo Building, 15491 Donald Curtis Drive. Class held in Leesylvania Room. For more information, contact (703) 792-6289.

For a complete listing of VHDA's Homeownership Classes, please visit www.vhdafreeclass.com. A complete listing is also available in Spanish at www.clasegratisvhda.com. Please call in advance to ensure homeownership classes have not been cancelled.

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