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## **Virginia Housing Celebrates Homeownership Month**

*This Year's Theme – Chatting It Up LIVE: Homebuying with Virginia Housing*

**RICHMOND, Va.** – June is Homeownership Month, and Virginia Housing is celebrating by hosting *Chatting It Up LIVE: Homebuying with Virginia Housing*, a series of free one-hour webinar sessions to help citizens become first-time homebuyers. Webinar attendees will be entered into a drawing after each session for a \$100 gift card.

“Homeownership is much more obtainable than most people realize,” said LaDonna Cruse, Housing Education Manager at Virginia Housing. “This year’s theme encourages first-time homebuyers to learn more about the homebuying process so that they are ready to make their dreams of owning a home come true.”

### **Learning About Homeownership**

To kick off the conversation about homebuying, Virginia Housing will host three free online webinars to discuss important topics surrounding homeownership:

- [Preparing for Homeownership](#)
- [Exploring Lenders, Mortgages and the Loan Process](#)
- [Finding the Right Home](#)

The sessions will feature a panel of subject matter experts, including housing counselors, lenders, and real estate agents. To sign up for the free webinars, visit the [Virginia Housing Homebuyer Event Calendar](#). The schedule for the webinars is as follows:

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Topics:	June 2 - 4	June 9 - 11	June 16 - 18	June 23 - 25
Preparing for Homeownership	Tuesday 6/2	Tuesday 6/9	Tuesday 6/16	Tuesday 6/23
Exploring Lenders, Mortgages and the Loan Process	Wednesday 6/3	Wednesday 6/10	Wednesday 6/17	Wednesday 6/24
Finding the Right Home	Thursday 6/4	Thursday 6/11	Thursday 6/18	Thursday 6/25

“Even with the challenges that the pandemic has brought to us, motivated buyers are still purchasing homes through the use of innovative technology tools like virtual counseling sessions and home tours, online loan applications, and electronic closings,” said Cruse. “We look forward to supporting Virginia’s first-time homebuyers through these unprecedented times by offering these safe and useful online webinars.”

**About National Homeownership Month**

June is National Homeownership Month, supporting the dream of homeownership and recognizing organizations who assist individuals and families to attain homeownership.

**About Virginia Housing**

When homes are affordable and accessible to jobs, good schools and transportation, everyone benefits. Individual lives are improved and communities as a whole grow stronger. Virginia Housing was created in 1972 by the General Assembly to help Virginians attain quality, affordable housing. We carry out this mission by working in public-private partnerships with local governments, community service organizations, lenders, real estate agents, developers and many others. We provide mortgages for first-time homebuyers, as well as financing for apartment communities and neighborhood revitalization efforts. We offer free homebuyer classes, support housing counseling, and help people with disabilities and the elderly make their homes more livable. We also administer the federal Housing Choice Voucher and Housing Credit programs in Virginia. Virginia Housing is self-supporting and receives no state taxpayer dollars to fund our programs. Instead, we raise money in the capital markets, and we contribute a significant portion of our net revenues each year to help meet Virginia’s most difficult housing needs. [www.virginiahousing.com](http://www.virginiahousing.com)