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New Website Shares Resources and Projects to Help Improve Detroit Neighborhoods

DETROIT – May 4, 2015 – Michigan Community Resources has launched Neighborhood Exchange, a new website that supports organizations and residents engaged in neighborhood improvement activities. Neighborhood Exchange is an online hub for networking, learning and resource sharing around neighborhood improvement work.

“The idea for Neighborhood Exchange originated from members of our Vacant Property Coalition who noticed community organizations tackling common needs and issues without knowledge of each other’s work or valuable resources,” said Jill Ferrari, CEO of Michigan Community Resources (MCR). “So we saw the need for a tool that shares that work and combines it with the resources that MCR and other providers have for everyone to use and learn from.”

Key features of Neighborhood Exchange will include:

- Monthly features that highlight achievements in Detroit’s neighborhoods
- An events calendar that includes community events and volunteer opportunities
- Directory of Resources for neighborhood work (mini-grants, publications, programs, funding opportunities, etc.)
- Discussion board for neighborhood issues

Content will be added to Neighborhood Exchange monthly and community groups and residents are encouraged to engage with the site to submit their own resources, events and stories.

Neighborhood Exchange was launched on April 1st and can be visited at www.neighborhood-exchange.com.

Support for Neighborhood Exchange was provided by JPMorgan Chase Foundation, Knight Foundation and the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA). For more information about Neighborhood Exchange, contact Janai Gilmore at Michigan Community Resources 313-969-7156 or jgilmore@mi-community.org.

About Michigan Community Resources

The mission of Michigan Community Resources is to support and empower nonprofit community organizations in Michigan that serve low-income individuals and communities, with an emphasis on community economic development, by providing pro bono legal services and technical assistance. Founded in 1998, our programs include legal assistance, educational trainings & publications, urban planning services, and community outreach. Our work helps community organizations build their capacity, accomplish blight mitigation and neighborhood improvement activities, and improve quality of life. Learn more at mi-community.org.

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