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Workshop series to help low-income families buy a home or achieve a big dream (Sept. 8, 2008)

(Sept. 8, 2008 – St. Joseph, Mo.) Have a big dream? Want to buy a home? Not sure how on a small budget? Community Action Partnership, in collaboration with U.S. Bank, might be able to help.

A workshop series begins Sept. 22nd with information on establishing or repairing credit, home buying basics and budgeting. An introduction to banking tools will also be included. Attendees who complete all four workshops receive \$25 to open a U.S. Bank account, and representatives from U.S. Bank will be on hand to talk one-on-one with class members.

“This is a casual, informal way to learn some basic financial tools that can help a family achieve a big dream,” said Mark Cochran, Market President, U.S. Bank. “The courses represent our commitment to building a healthier, stronger community.”

The workshops align with Community Action Partnership’s belief that education is the antidote to poverty, and that financial literacy is a specific, critical element of this education.

“Part of a family’s transition out of poverty is linked closely with the ability to access financial services, products and advice,” said Delphia Shanks, Director of Community Development for Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph. “Learning the basic tools of financial management is a valuable step for all families.”

Workshop dates in 2008 are Sept. 22 and Nov. 3rd, and in 2009, workshops will be held Feb. 9 and March 16. All workshops are free and held at Community Action Partnership, 817 Monterey, St. Joseph, Mo. Childcare and evening meal are provided through the partnership with U.S. Bank, but reservations are required. To register, or for more information, contact Rachel McCoy at Community Action Partnership, (816) 233-8281, ext. 110, or by email at: rmccoy@endpov.com

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Community Action Partnership has provided programs to move low-income families out of poverty since 1964, serving nearly 16,000 people in poverty in Northwest Missouri. Head Start is one of the core programs managed by the agency, and the St. Patrick’s Center is one of 12 Head Start centers available to low-income families. Additional services provided by Community Action Partnership to low-income families include utilities assistance, affordable housing, financial literacy and home ownership classes, life skills and workforce training. –end-