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## On-Line Directory for Housing Providers New Housing Resource in Tennessee

**NASHVILLE, March 25, 2009** – Call it an encyclopaedia, call it a directory, call it the big list, TNHousingResource.org seeks to gather all Tennessee’s housing resource information in one organized place.

The new website, sponsored by Tennessee Housing Development Agency, is open and soliciting the program information of all housing providers. Agencies and businesses can promote programs and services for free and in great detail, noting populations and areas served, dates of service, and eligibility requirements. The TNHousingResource listing will include contact information and a link to the provider’s website.

The site is not limited to free or reduced cost services or programs. THDA will populate the site with its programs and involve all grant recipients of its programs.

“We want the site to contain a wide variety of housing service providers,” said Ted R. Fellman, executive director of THDA. “Everything from emergency shelters and transitional housing to homebuyer education and opportunities for homeownership. All organizations that provide housing resources will be encouraged to participate.”

“These difficult economic times make it even more important for information to be available to the consumer when they need it. THDA wants this site to be useful for the provider and the customer.”

The site is being marketed across the state. Requests for presentations about the site, and its sister site, TNHousingSearch.org are welcome. Please contact THDA at 615-815-2185.

TNHousingResource.org will link residents to information about much-needed resources such as foreclosure prevention, lenders, grant administrators, barrier-free living, homeless shelters and more. The software supporting this site was designed and is managed by Socialserve.com. Socialserve also provides a toll-free call center to support the providers and to assist consumers. The number, 1-866-973-3147, is answered from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Central Time Monday through Friday. Both English and Spanish-speaking associates are available.

Providers are invited to register online today at [TNHousingResource.org](http://TNHousingResource.org) or call, toll free: 1-866-973-3147.

“These new websites show THDA’s commitment to being a leader in affordable housing efforts,” said Fellman. “We are celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> year in business and proud to be bringing innovative ideas to our citizens.”

THDA is a political subdivision of the State of Tennessee. THDA is the state’s housing finance agency, responsible for selling tax exempt mortgage revenue bonds to offer affordable mortgage funds to homebuyers of low and moderate incomes through local lenders, and to administer various housing programs targeted to very low-, low- and moderate-income households.

THDA was established in 1973, making its first mortgage in 1974. It has provided affordable fixed rate mortgages to over 100,000 households without using state tax dollars. THDA issues between \$250 and \$300 million in mortgage revenue bonds annually for its first-time homebuyer program.

In the year 2006, THDA created the Tennessee Housing Trust Fund using state, THDA and locally-generated match to support programs for the very-low income, elderly and special needs populations.

More information about THDA is available on-line at [www.thda.org](http://www.thda.org).