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UNHS NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center Partners with eHome America *Renowned Home Buyer Education course now available online*

January 25, 2012 (Utica, NY) – UNHS NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center has recently partnered with eHome America, the nation's premier online home ownership education program offering access to quality, accessible information and education for first-time home buyers.

"We are excited to be able to offer this additional educational tool to our residents in Oneida, Herkimer, Fulton, Lewis, Madison, Montgomery and Otsego Counties," said Janice Forte, CEO of The HomeOwnership Center.

In English and Spanish with more than 50 video tutorials, eHome America is the most comprehensive online home buyer training course available throughout the nation and is modeled after NeighborWorks® America's *Realizing the American Dream*. The HomeOwnership Center offers home buyers the opportunity to learn in a classroom setting with personal instruction or at their own pace via the Internet.

Following the course, which is designed to take eight hours, in-person or phone counseling commences prior to the completion certificate being printed. Additionally, eHome America's homebuyer education online course meets the US Department of Agriculture's Office of Rural Development's and HUD's requirements for pre-purchase education.

Potential homebuyers can access eHome America at www.eHomeAmerica.org/unhs or contact The HomeOwnership Center. For a limited time, The HomeOwnership Center is offering an introductory rate of \$50 for the online course. **In addition, Facebook users can "like" The HomeOwnership Center's Facebook page and receive a coupon code for \$25 towards the class! Visit <http://www.facebook.com/thehomeownershipcenter> to register for the coupon code.**

For more information about The HomeOwnership Center's Educational Classes or one-on-one counseling for existing or prospective homeowners, please call 315-724-4197 or visit www.thehomeownershipcenter.org for more information.

Chartered in 1979 by NeighborWorks America, The UNHS NeighborWorks® HomeOwnership Center has been the leader in housing initiatives for more than 30 years. Through various programs such as Home Buyer Education, Post-Purchase Education and Pre-purchase Counseling, the certified and trained staff at the HOC offers a multitude of services on HomeOwnership. The HOC is your one-stop shop for HomeOwnership. Serving Oneida, Herkimer and Madison counties.

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