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"Art of HomeOwnership" Offers Free Fun, Flair, Focus on Affordable Housing

Winston-Salem - Miniature homes decorated by local artists, which call attention to the timely topic of affordable homeownership, will be featured at the "Art of HomeOwnership" from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 24, at the Center for HomeOwnership in the Loewy Building, 500 W. Fourth St., Suite 200. Admission is free and open to the public. Donations are gratefully accepted.

The event will display and auction 25 eye-catching miniature home models decorated by local artists. The models have recently appeared at various sites throughout the community. The "Art of HomeOwnership" aims to promote local artists and provide a visual, positive awareness of homeownership in the community.

The event is sponsored by Leonard Ryden Burr Real Estate. It is also a collaboration of three local non-profit housing service providers — The Center for HomeOwnership, S.G. Atkins Community Development Corp. and Goler Community Development Corp. — and Associated Artists of Winston-Salem, Inc.

As guests at the event view the home models, they can enjoy free refreshments and join in discussion with the local artists. The models will be judged and cash prizes given to the first-, second- and third-place winners.

Nonprofit groups and agencies, both locally and nationally, have made significant inroads in the fight against home foreclosures and in promoting affordable housing. Together, The Center for HomeOwnership, S.G. Atkins Community Development Corp. and Goler Community Development Corp. have generated \$1.25 million in tax revenue and an estimated \$103.5 million in total wealth during an eight-year period. Their work has enabled 900 clients to purchase homes with a less than 2 percent foreclosure rate.

"With so much still to be done on this front, we hope that events like the Art of HomeOwnership will help the community 'catch the enthusiasm' for the cause of affordable homeownership," said Phyllis Caldwell, Center for HomeOwnership Director.

The public is invited to partake in this one-of-a-kind experience and join us in promoting awareness about an important component of the American Dream!

Please RSVP by Sept. 20 to the Center for HomeOwnership at dhile@centerforhomeownership.org or call 336-773-0286, ext. 104.

About the Center for Homeownership

The *Center for Homeownership* is dedicated to helping families achieve the "American Dream" of home ownership. Through a combination of local, state, and national partnerships, the center can provide families a single source to learn about the home buying process, resolve problems that prevent home ownership, and find the right mortgage opportunities for their particular needs. The Center is a one-stop resource center where information can be obtained regarding every step of the process – from preparing for homeownership, credit analysis, searching for the home, to the types of loan products available, resources for down payment assistance to the loan closing and to post-purchase assistance. The Center for Homeownership is dedicated to helping families turn the American dream of homeownership into reality.