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Nonprofit assists distressed homeowners through MHA program

CHARLESTON, S.C. (December 14, 2013) - In 2013, Family Services, Inc. (FSI) received a grant from NeighborWorks America to assist distressed homeowners through the Making Home Affordable (MHA) Outreach and Intake Project. The MHA Program is administered by the United States Department of the Treasury under the Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP), which was established by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act (EESA) of 2008. It was created in an effort to stabilize the housing market and help struggling homeowners get mortgage relief and ultimately avoid foreclosure.

In an effort to assist struggling homeowners, FSI's housing division, the Homeownership Resource Center (HRC), offers expert housing advisors who guide homeowners through the MHA Program. The goal of the program is to make more homeowners aware of the full range of options within MHA. The program expanded the number of specialized programs that are available to homeowners, and many homeowners who previously would not have qualified may now be eligible.

Distressed homeowners whose expenses have increased due to medical bills, separation/divorce, or job loss should contact FSI immediately.

FSI is a 125-year-old and nationally-awarded HUD-approved nonprofit organization based in North Charleston. In fact, its HRC division is ranked one of the most successful mortgage default mitigation programs in the nation, and has saved thousands of South Carolina homes from foreclosure.

Homeowners may qualify for mortgage modifications, bringing past mortgage payments current, lowered interest rates and lowered monthly mortgage payments. Please contact HRC at 843.735.5522 to make an appointment or via live online chat by visiting their website at www.FSISC.org and clicking on the Live Chat icon. For additional

inquiries, email info@fsisc.org.

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About Family Services, Inc. (FSI): *Family Services, Inc. has remained one of the leading human service nonprofit organizations by providing professional financial, housing, and health counseling services to residents and businesses of South Carolina for 125 years. FSI has successfully withstood the test of time and socio-economic changes by providing quality advocacy, counseling, and education services to individuals and families. Call toll free TODAY at 800-232-6489 ext. 7862 or locally at 843-735-7862. For more information, go to www.fsisc.org or email info@fsisc.org.*