

## **Tarrant County Housing Partnership launches partnership with Fannie Mae to assist troubled homeowners.**

*Fannie Mae Dallas/Fort Worth Mortgage Help Center offers free counseling, resources designed to help homeowners in danger of foreclosure get back on their feet.*

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### **Free Foreclosure Assistance**

Available in English and in Spanish, regardless of whether or not a homeowner's loan is owned by Fannie Mae.

Tarrant County Housing Partnership  
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(Fort Worth, TX — March 2011): Fannie Mae has joined forces with Tarrant County Housing Partnership (TCHP), a Fort Worth-based housing non-profit agency, to provide **free counseling services** for struggling homeowners who have loans owned by Fannie Mae.

The Fannie Mae Dallas/Fort Worth Mortgage Help Center is the sixth Fannie Mae facility in a series of nationwide help centers to assist borrowers in the areas hardest hit by the foreclosure crisis. The help center is headquartered in Dallas; **however, Tarrant County and Denton County residents may access services at TCHP's offices in Fort Worth.**

“Distressed homeowners facing economic hardships of varying degrees should know that free counseling is just a phone call or email away, and that experienced staff is here to help each homeowner navigate through the myriad of options available to them,” said **Jeff Hayward**, Fannie Mae's Senior Vice President, National Servicing Organization. “With one in every 281 Texas homes in foreclosure, and Dallas and Tarrant Counties

ranking second and third in the state for the highest foreclosure rates, we are reaching out to thousands of local homeowners to help resolve their mortgage situation.”

TCHP provides a local option for distressed Tarrant County homeowners to meet **directly** with dedicated on-site English- and Spanish-speaking staff and experienced housing counselors to discuss their mortgage situation. These face-to-face meetings will help borrowers better understand the range of foreclosure prevention options available, how to resolve their mortgage situation, accelerate loan provider response time and provide financial counseling.

"This partnership could not have come at a better time," said **Donna Van Ness**, president of Tarrant County Housing Partnership. "In 2011 we are still continuing to face the largest mortgage crisis our country has ever seen and it's critical to work together to strengthen our efforts on sustainable homeownership. The resources TCHP provides can help homeowners understand their financial situations, determine how they can avoid foreclosure and keep the roof over their heads.”

TCHP counselors provide a full range of services, which includes reviewing a borrower's loan, discussing foreclosure alternatives, collecting the required documents for the federal Making Home Affordable Program and finalizing any pending loan workout efforts. Services are available by appointment only. Tarrant and Denton County borrowers wishing to schedule a visit should call (817) 924-5091 or E-mail [info@tchp.net](mailto:info@tchp.net).

Homeowners can determine if Fannie Mae owns their loan by visiting [www.fanniemae.com/loanlookup](http://www.fanniemae.com/loanlookup) or by contacting Fannie Mae at 1-800-7FANNIE. **Homeowners who do not have loans owned by Fannie Mae can still access foreclosure assistance at Tarrant County Housing Partnership free of charge.** Any homeowner in crisis is encouraged to call 817-924-5091 or visit [www.tchp.net](http://www.tchp.net) for more information.

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