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**Subject:** Champions of Change: Certificate of Appreciation from HUD

Housing Counseling Agencies:

On Thursday, March 1st 2012, the White House and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development honored eleven housing counselors and HUD-approved organizations as “Champions of Change” for their hard work, perseverance and dedication to their communities.

At this event HUD announced that the Department would be sending a Certificate of Appreciation to every HUD-approved housing counseling agency. Attached you will find a copy of the Certificate signed by Secretary Donovan. The Department owes a debt of gratitude to all housing counselors that are making a difference in the lives of so many individuals and families in communities across the country. We appreciate your commitment to this important work.

The Champions of Change program was created as a part of President Obama’s *Winning the Future* initiative. Each week, a different sector is highlighted and groups of Champions, ranging from educators to entrepreneurs to community leaders, are recognized for the work they are doing to serve and strengthen their communities.

To learn more about our Champions and watch video of the event, go to: [www.whitehouse.gov/champions](http://www.whitehouse.gov/champions)

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Sincerely,

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