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Motor City Extreme Home Makeover

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Local organizations and 7 Action News join together for the Motor City Extreme Home Makeover and home giveaway. Chris Burshaw, a retired Detroit policeman, has donated a Detroit home. Renovations begin Thursday, October 13th, to prepare the home to give to a family in need at the 2005 Motor City Bowl.

People can nominate themselves or another individual to receive the home. Applications are available at the Blight Buster Resource Center at 17405 Lahser Rd., Detroit; or online at www.teamsolutionsforcharities.com.

The qualification criteria and submission process is as follows:

- Must provide Personal Information along with an essay of 1,000 words or less describing why you, or your nominee should win the home.
- Winner must use home as primary residence for a minimum of 3 years.
- Winner must be currently employed and maintain employment for duration of minimum residency in home.
- Annual Household Income must be \$30,000 or less.
- Winner must purchase homeowners insurance policy and pay all property taxes when due.
- Winner must be at least 21 years of age and a U.S. Citizen to qualify.
- Must substantiate, in essay form of 1,000 words or less, why you should receive home.
- Limit of one entry per family.
- Must pass drug screening and agree to a criminal background check..
- 2 Finalists will be chosen for personal interviews. Both must agree to appear at Motor City Bowl IX - Monday, December 26th.
- Must be present to win.

Application Entry Deadline: December 1st, 2005; 5 p.m. The application must be filled out COMPLETELY to qualify.

Application Submission:

Online:

Go to www.teamsolutionsforcharities.com

Mail:

Motor City Bowl Home Giveaway
 P.O. Box 531213
 Livonia, MI 48154

In Person:

Motor City Blight Buster Resource Building
 17405 Lahser
 Detroit, MI 48219

The selection committee consists of the following individuals:
 John George; Founder of the Motor City Blight Busters
 Reverend Cecil A. Poe, Ph.D.; Leland Missionary Baptist Church
 Reverend Lucinda Hawkins; Mount Vernon Missionary Baptist Church

Marjorie Whetstine; Associate Broker, Keller Williams Realty – Northville
And an unconfirmed 5th Committee Member

All submissions will be reviewed and evaluated throughout December. Selections will be narrowed down to 2 qualified finalists. Both finalists will receive personal interviews and both must agree to appear at the Motor City Bowl game on Monday, December 26th. The winner will be announced on the field between the 3rd and 4th quarters of the game.

Companies and organizations that are making the Motor City Extreme Home Makeover and house giveaway are as followed:

Founded by John George more than 17 years ago, **The Motor City Blight Busters** is a non-profit organization that's mission is to stabilize, revitalize and repopulate the City of Detroit with homeowners and give people the opportunity to take ownership and have pride in the communities in which they live.

The Motor City Bowl was established in 1997 by Ken Hoffman, former Sports Information Director at Michigan State University. The NCAA post-season college football game is committed to charitable endeavors in the Detroit community. The average economic impact in Detroit and SE Michigan has been more than \$14 million per year (\$112 million over eight years).

Countrywide Home Loans

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