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Motor City Blight Busters to Receive Visit From **Senator John Edwards**

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36 million Americans are currently living in poverty. Detroit is home to some of these underprivileged individuals. Thankfully non-profit organizations, such as the Motor City Blight Busters, are stepping up to help combat the fight against poverty.

On Friday, October 28, 2005, at 8:30 am, The Motor City Blight Busters will receive a visit from Senator John Edwards during his tour for Project Opportunity. The Senator will be at the Artist Village, 17640 Lahser Road, across from the Motor City Blight Busters headquarters.

Supported by the Center for Promise and Opportunity, this initiative is a student-led effort to encourage young people to spend more time giving back to their communities. Senator John Edwards has joined this group to help further the cause. He is stopping at college campuses across the nation to take part in the community outreach efforts on these campuses.

The University of Michigan has been selected as one of the tour stops. The University has chosen to spotlight the Motor City Blight Busters because of its close relationship with the school. Over the past 10 years, they have provided U of M students with numerous community service projects.

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“The Detroit Project” is one of the outreach venues that has drawn thousands of students throughout the years to participate in the beautification and revitalization of the city.

“We are so excited to be able to represent our community and show how it is responding to the fight against poverty,” said John George about Senator Edwards’ visit. “This gives Detroit the opportunity to show the country what steps are being taken to reduce poverty, and in turn, revitalize and stabilize communities by providing them with new home ownership and pride for where they live...The Motor City Blight Busters is serious about what we are trying to do here in Detroit. We have over 17 years of history to back it up.” comments John.

Financial support is an important factor to allow non-profit organizations like The Motor City Blight Busters to move forward with their positive mission for the community. Local corporations like Good Faith Homes, Qualigence, and Team Solutions have been committed corporate partners by financially and through employee volunteer efforts. John states “Without corporate support, non-profits would not be able to survive. Federal funding for non-profits is just as important.”

Company/Organization Information:

- 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.
- **Qualigence, Inc.** is a recruitment research and professional search firm headquartered in Livonia, Michigan with additional offices in Cincinnati, Ohio, and Richmond, Virginia. A privately held organization founded by Stephen Lowisz in 1999, Qualigence is the largest recruitment research firm in the U.S.
- **Good Faith Homes, Inc.** is a Detroit based real estate development company that specializes in providing affordable housing to the underserved market.
- **Team Solutions, Inc.** is a Livonia based company founded in 2000 to provide real estate fundraising solutions for charities.

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