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Yolo County Housing Rehabilitation Program

(Woodland, CA) – Under the Yolo County Housing Rehabilitation Program, eligible homeowners in the unincorporated areas of Yolo County may qualify for low interest loans to assist in making repairs to their homes. Facilitated through the county, this program is funded through the state’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. Mercy Housing California is Yolo County’s consultant and administers the county’s housing programs.

Romelia Castillo’s home in Madison has flooded many times since she built it in 1977 with assistance from Mercy Housing’s Self Help Program. This year, after applying for and receiving loan funds from the Yolo County Housing Rehabilitation Program, and additional grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), facilitated through the Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Ms. Castillo was able to repair all previous flood damage, including installing new bathroom floors, a new heating and air conditioning unit, new double-paned windows and carpet, interior and exterior paint, and repairs to water damaged wood beams underneath the house. Ms. Castillo was also able to elevate her home approximately two feet to avoid future flood damage.

Ms. Castillo’s daughter, Lorie noted, “(the Yolo County Housing Rehabilitation Program helped) salvage the home so my mom can live the rest of her life there.”

Similarly in Guinda, Lemuel Nelson, an elderly veteran on a limited income living alone, was also able to benefit from the county’s rehabilitation program. A fire left Mr. Nelson’s home uninhabitable last winter. Yolo County was able to provide emergency grant and deferred loan funds to repair Mr. Nelson’s home. The repairs included a new water heater, roof replacement, electrical rewire, bathroom repairs and interior and exterior paint.

“I was in bad trouble, up a creek without a paddle,” said Lemuel Nelson. “The county’s program has been a tremendous amount of help to me. I couldn’t be in the house without it being fixed.”

In addition to the housing rehabilitation program, Yolo County has a down payment assistance program for qualifying first time homebuyers. Current homeowners, landlords, and renters are encouraged to contact Mercy Housing California, Yolo County’s non-profit housing consultant, at (800) 995-0431, ext. 4412, for more information on both programs.

Before and after pictures enclosed.

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