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## MEDIA ADVISORY



### **Grand Rapids Neighborhoods Kicking Out Lead**

#### HUD Grant and Teamwork Contribute to City's Success Fixing 1,000 Homes

**July 2, 2011** — GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — This month, the *Get the Lead Out!* campaign is proud to announce and celebrate repairing 1,000 homes located in neighborhoods all over the City. Making homes lead-safe prevents lead poisoning and subsequent permanent health damage. Please join us to learn more about results of the local commitment to reduce health risks and improve housing quality in Grand Rapids; and help kick off a weeklong neighbor-to-neighbor campaign to raise awareness about lead-safe living, cleaning and home repair.

**WHEN: Thursday, July 7, 2011**

**WHAT: News Conference — 3:00 - 3:30 p.m.** — Details about families, homes and neighborhoods impacted by the campaign; reduced number of lead poisoning cases in children, and more.

**An Art Installation** — 1,000 *Healthy Homes* was created to celebrate the community's success story and continue to raise awareness about the dangers of lead exposure. The installation will be on display downtown from July 7 – July 13.

**WHERE: Rosa Parks Circle, Corner of Monroe Center and Monroe Avenue**

**WHO: City of Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell**

**Jordan Bush, Deputy Chief of Staff for Congressman Amash**

**Representative of the Kent County Health Department**

**Mary Hockwalt, Head Start for Kent County**

**Paul Haan; Healthy Homes Coalition of West Michigan**