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Guardian Mortgage Company Raises Funds for Flint Water Crisis

February casual dress donations, plus a matching gift from the organization, will go toward aiding Flint, Michigan.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. ~~17~~²⁴, 2016 – In honor of its Michigan roots, Guardian Mortgage Company is making efforts to aid the Flint water crisis this February through its monthly casual dress donations and a matching gift from the company itself.

Guardian Mortgage Company was launched in 1965 in Grand Blanc, Michigan, just 7 miles south of Flint. Though the company's headquarters moved to Richardson, Texas some years ago, the Grand Blanc office is still in operation, serving homebuyers throughout the greater Flint area.

To serve its longtime Michigan community, Guardian Mortgage locations throughout the country are raising money to aid the Flint water crisis all month long. Employees are given the opportunity to donate \$5 for a casual dress week or \$20 for the entire month. Once all donations are raised and totaled at the end of February, Guardian Mortgage will make a 100-percent matching donation as well. These donations will go toward the Community Foundation of Greater Flint's Safe Water Safe Home Fund, which works to repair homes with damaged lead plumbing and service lines in the area.

"We have a long and storied history in Michigan, and when we heard about the water crisis in Flint, we knew we had to act," said Russell Anderson, president and chief executive officer at Guardian Mortgage. "We only hope our efforts are able to make a small impact on the people and children of that community."

Guardian Mortgage Company also operates a community outreach program called Guardian Gives Back in each of the cities it serves. The Grand Blanc, Michigan office is currently collecting plastic water bottles to fill with homemade laundry soap – dubbed "Hope Soap." Employees will spend a Saturday making the soap and filling the bottles. The soap will then be dispersed to those in need by the Catholic Charities of Genesee County's Community Closet.

For more information, visit GuardianMortgageOnline.com.



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About Guardian Mortgage Company, Inc.

Guardian Mortgage Company, Inc. is a 50-year old residential mortgage originator and servicer located in Dallas, Texas, currently with loan origination offices in Texas, Arizona and Michigan. It originates mortgages through retail, correspondent, and consumer direct channels and has a \$2.7 billion residential mortgage loan servicing portfolio.

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