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Volunteers Take to the Streets to Keep Kids Safe from Lead Paint Hazards

(LANSING) – Protecting Lansing children from the hazards of lead poisoning is the goal of tomorrow’s neighborhood outreach effort by the City’s Lead Safe Lansing Campaign, a partnership of the City of Lansing Development Office, the Lansing Neighborhood Council and the Ingham County Health Department.

Dozens of volunteers are expected to assist in the effort by going door-to-door in the Baker-Donora Neighborhood **tomorrow, June 19, from 9 a.m. until Noon**. The outreach campaign is designed to raise awareness about the dangers of lead poisoning in children, and to provide residents with information about resources and education that are available in the community that can help them make their homes safe from hazards associated with lead-based paint.

“Lead poisoning is a silent threat to our children that can cause serious mental and physical deficiencies,” said Mayor Virg Bernero. “We are committed to eradicating lead from Lansing’s housing stock. Educating people about the impact of lead poisoning on young children and how they can help prevent it is an important step in that direction.”

Volunteers from the Baker Donora Focus Center, the City of Lansing Development Office, Lansing Neighborhood Council and the Ingham County Health Department will participate in the event.

The Lead Safe Lansing program is funded through a 3-year, \$1.4 million federal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that will allow the City and numerous partner organizations to conduct community outreach, training and lead hazard remediation activities.

For more information on the Lead Safe Lansing program, please visit
http://www.lansingmi.gov/pnd/development/lead_safe_lansing.jsp

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