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Dear Neighborhood Networks stakeholder,

Neighborhood Networks stakeholders often wear many different hats. On any given day, a center director may serve as program developer, center fundraiser, media liaison, and volunteer coordinator—not to mention computer instructor, job-readiness trainer, and healthcare information provider. Without question, it is not an easy task to deliver technology access and move residents toward self-sufficiency with often very limited resources.

So, when the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) was looking at how we could provide stakeholders with the information and resources they want and need in a way that would take minimal effort to access, retrieve, and maintain, we knew we needed something comprehensive and easy to use. The result was *TARGET: Technical Assistance Resource Guides and Educational Toolkit*.

TARGET combines information from the more than 40 existing Neighborhood Networks technical assistance guides and fact sheets into a single, comprehensive publication. It also includes entirely new information on various topics, such as obtaining nonprofit status, developing effective partnerships, recruiting volunteers, and working with the media. *TARGET* streamlines the information-gathering process and allows Neighborhood Networks stakeholders to get back to what they do best—help residents achieve self-sufficiency.

I encourage you to take some time to familiarize yourself with the contents of *TARGET*. I know that once you see the wealth of information this valuable resource contains, it will soon become your “go-to” source of Neighborhood Networks information.

Sincerely,

Delores Pruden

Director, Neighborhood Networks



About *TARGET: Technical Assistance Resource Guides and Educational Toolkit*

TARGET: Technical Assistance Resource Guides and Educational Toolkit consolidates the wealth of information previously contained in the more than 40 Neighborhood Networks technical assistance guides and fact sheets into a single, comprehensive publication. *TARGET* places the universe of Neighborhood Networks-specific information at stakeholders' fingertips.

This first edition of *TARGET* contains updated information from existing technical assistance guides and fact sheets, as well as information from other Neighborhood Networks sources. It also includes entirely new information that was created based on feedback from Neighborhood Networks stakeholders across the country.

To maintain the accuracy, relevancy, and currency of *TARGET*, the information has been packaged in a three-ring binder. This allows information to be updated, added, or deleted quicker, easier, and more cost-effectively as it will not be necessary to reprint the entire document when a section changes. Only those sections that have been revised will be reprinted and distributed to stakeholders.

In addition to this printed English-language version of *TARGET*, an electronic Spanish-language version is available. To download and print a copy of the Spanish-language version of *TARGET*, visit the Neighborhood Networks Web site (www.NeighborhoodNetworks.org). An icon of the Spanish-language version appears on the main page of the Neighborhood Networks site.

From opening a Neighborhood Networks center to building partnerships to developing resident-focused programs, *TARGET* is the one-stop information source for Neighborhood Networks stakeholders.

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