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SUCCESS STORY

2009 Homeownership Month Activity in Añasco

On June 17, 2009, USDA Rural Development held a Housing Fair that included Volley Ball games in the beach for the kids that attended with their parents. The Housing Fair was held in the Community Center area of "Tres Hermanos Beach" in the municipality of Añasco.

In this activity we informed the public that USDA's efforts will not only provide opportunity and security to homeowners, but will also inject funding into communities to help stimulate local economies and create jobs.

USDA's housing programs are helping more people than ever. USDA provided homeownership loans to more than 72,000 Americans last year – a record number. And through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), USDA is on track to help more than 130,000 this year.

This Homeownership activity was a joint effort of USDA Rural Development, HUD, the Northwest Consortia of the Workforce Investment Act, and the Private Banks. Over one thousand persons, representing at least five hundred families, attended the fair.

Arlene Zambrana, RH Director, Héctor Nuñez, Area Director of the San Germán Area Office, Harold Acosta, RD Specialist, Andrés Belén RD Specialist and Miguel Ramírez, Public Affairs Coordinator, were present at the activity and made pre-qualifications to the interested families.

This activity shows that USDA Rural Development Puerto Rico is committed to support the rural communities' families and help them obtain an affordable and safe home. This experience will help us to deliver a better service in future occasions. In USDA Rural Development we are committed to the future of rural communities.

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