

Money Management International Joins Effort to Help Consumers Secure Their Financial Future

HOUSTON, Oct. 2, 2013 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- In an effort to ensure local Texas residents achieve financial stability and reclaim their financial future, Money Management International (MMI), the nation's largest full-service credit counseling agency, is participating in the Sharpen Your Financial Focus™ program. This nationwide initiative, launched by the National Foundation for Credit Counseling® (NFCC®) in partnership with major financial service companies, was developed to allow consumers an opportunity to take steps toward achieving their financial goals. MMI, a member of the NFCC, is providing residents across Texas communities with personal financial reviews, self-assessment tools, and financial education workshops as a part of this initiative.

"MMI is pleased to be a part of this important program," said Jo Kerstetter, VP of financial education and community relations for MMI. "With support from the NFCC and national financial service companies, we are able to provide consumers with the financial skills necessary for sound financial management and long-term stability."

Texas residents are encouraged to participate in the Sharpen Your Financial Focus program by taking one of the following actions:

- **Take the MyMoneyCheckUp® Financial Stress Test.** Visit SharpenToday.org to access the online financial self-assessment tool designed to increase financial awareness and provide you with concrete steps to improve your financial well-being.
- **Participate in a personal financial review.** Speak to an MMI certified financial professional by calling 866-864-8993 to schedule an appointment.
- **Participate in an MMI financial workshop.** Visit CreditEducation.org and browse the listing of workshop dates and times over financial topics that have the biggest impact on your

family's finances.

About Money Management International Money Management International (MMI) is a nonprofit, full-service credit-counseling agency, providing confidential financial guidance, **financial education**

, counseling and debt management assistance to consumers since 1958. MMI's counselors are both HUD certified to deliver housing counseling services, including delinquency mortgage counseling, and approved by the EOUST to deliver bankruptcy counseling and education. Counseling is available by appointment in branch offices and 24/7 by telephone and Internet. Services are available in English or Spanish. To learn more, call 800.432.7310 or visit www.MoneyManagement.org

About the NFCC The National Foundation for Credit Counseling® (NFCC®), founded in 1951, is the nation's largest and longest-serving network of national nonprofit community-based credit counseling agencies. The NFCC's mission is to promote the national agenda for financially responsible behavior, and build capacity for its members to deliver the highest-quality financial education and counseling services. NFCC Members annually help millions of consumers each year through more than 600 community-based offices nationwide.

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