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## 2013 Month of Microfinance

February 3, 2013, Fredericksburg, VA – The Month of Microfinance 2013 is approaching and offers exciting opportunities for its student participants, professional partners and their local communities.

The MoMF annually claims the month of April for microfinance clients around the world. MoMF highlights local and global events and dialogues from all its participants with the hopes that the microfinance movement will continue to provide a value-driven and positive impact for clients.

The majority of MoMF events hosted by its partners and participants will occur in April and are often open to the public. Events are constantly updated up through April and can be found on MoMF website.

Students benefit from participating in the MoMF by growing their knowledge of microfinance and acting on their passion to develop an event for other students and their communities. Students have the opportunity to attend professional microfinance events and meet microfinance experts and connect with them for internship and future job opportunities.

Microfinance experts benefit from a partnership with the MoMF because of the exposure MoMF provides for their organization and the importance of the continual development of the microfinance industry. MoMF also connects professional partners with students for internship and job opportunities.

The MoMF provides event and fundraising tools and personal guidance upon request. Each event's success benefits the entire microfinance community and ultimately, the end client that benefits from engaged and self-aware microfinance practitioners-- the microfinance clients.

Last year's MoMF 2012 had the support of fifty professional partners including two international partners in Mexico and India. Eighty-nine organizations endorsed MoMF 2012, a dozen university campuses developed partnerships with the MoMF, and over forty-five microfinance events were sponsored by campus and professional partners.

"Building upon last year's momentum we are looking to transform the MoMF into a global event. We are also rolling out a new initiative called "Autobiographies of Microfinance", announces Dr. Shawn Humphrey, Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Mary Washington. Dr. Humphrey is also MoMF's founder and has developed MoMF over each year since it began in 2010. "We are looking for clients, loan officers, experts and enthusiasts to share their microfinance stories with us. We believe it's the perfect platform for a variety of perspectives on microfinance to be heard, and to then receive responses and feedback." The initiative is "geared towards helping students develop a more nuanced understanding of microfinance as we grope through this post-panacea phase that we currently find ourselves in."

Please visit [www.monthofmicrofinance.org](http://www.monthofmicrofinance.org) for details about the Month of Microfinance, to *participate or host in* awareness and fundraising activities and to *partner with* MoMF.