



OCCUPY Rob and Debbie Henry's home to save them from eviction!

Press conference Tuesday, Dec. 6, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Home of Robert and Debbie Henry, [13694 Helen in Southgate, MI](#).

Robert and Debbie Henry have lived in their small home in a working-class Detroit suburb for seven years. When they bought the house in Southgate, near where Debbie grew up, it was worth \$140,000. Now it's worth less than a third of that.

Robert is an auto mechanic, and Debbie worked as a manager for a food service company. They were able to make the payments until Debbie had a stroke in 2008, leaving her unable to work. She's undergoing treatment for related health issues.

After Debbie's stroke and the housing crash, the family went to their mortgage company for a modification. It took some digging for the couple to figure out who owned their loan. The mortgage was originally issued by Countrywide, but was sold to Bank of America. After the crash, B of A unloaded the mortgage on the taxpayers via Fannie Mae.

The Henrys negotiated a modification. Then the bank broke its word. The couple came home one day to find a note on their door. It said their home was now owned by Fannie Mae, which was foreclosing. The family repeatedly called the number listed on the bank notice for owners seeking modifications; the only response was a runaround.

Robert and Debbie's situation is now desperate. Debbie's medical bills are piling up, and the family is facing eviction. The Henrys have decided that regardless of what Fannie Mae says, they're going to stay in their house as an act of civil disobedience. Working with organizers from the Occupy our Homes movement, the Henrys have called together friends, family, and members of their church. They've canvassed their neighborhood for help.

On Tuesday, they'll stand together with supporters from across metro Detroit to announce that they're not leaving.

Banks like Bank of America were given billions in taxpayers' dollars to keep families like the Henrys in their homes. Instead, their bank sold the loan to Fannie Mae, which is now doing Bank of America's dirty work.

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