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## NATSUME REVEALS THE MARRIAGE CANDIDATES OF HOMETOWN STORY™

*Which Lucky Bachelor or Bachelorette Will You Woo?*

**Burlingame, CA. – September 18, 2013** - Natsume Inc., a worldwide developer and publisher of family-oriented video games, is gearing up for the upcoming release of *Hometown Story* this October. Designed by the creator of the *Harvest Moon* series, Yasuhiro Wada, it shares many similar aspects of social gameplay, including the ability to get married. Now, as it approaches its launch in the coming months on the Nintendo 3DS, the eligible ladies and gents of the hometown are revealed.

"Hometown Story approaches romantic relationships in a unique way," said Hiro Maekawa, President and CEO at Natsume Inc. "We've chosen to focus on quality over quantity, and with three eligible suitors for each gender, we've been able to give them a deeper relationship model."

For the male characters, three lovely ladies are available to woo and build a lasting relationship with:

**Anna** is the daughter of Rachael, who runs the restaurant in town. Anna is very independent, and always tells others that they should rely on themselves, not others. She lives by this motto herself, in fact. Will you be the one to convince Anna that relying on others isn't such a bad thing?

**Haruka** is the daughter of Miyo, the absent-minded farmer of the village. Haruka is always covering for Miyo's little mistakes, and loves her mother, despite her flaws. Haruka has always dreamed of getting married, ever since she was a little girl. Though her dream is simple, her personality is anything but. Will your heart be big enough to love Haruka?

**Mika** is a lover of animals who wandered into the village one day. A very unique individual, she lives in the barn with her animals, and can communicate with them on a deep level. In fact, she loves animals so much, she often eats grass with them during mealtime. Mika needs a partner who will understand the love she has for all creatures great and small. Will you be the one to steal her heart?

For the female characters, three gentlemen are waiting to fall for the right girl and settle down in their own small town dream:

**Steve** is the son of Carl, the mayor of the town. He used to live in the big city, but just recently came back to the village. A bit of a dreamer, some of his ideas can seem unorthodox. However, his heart is always in the right place, and he loves his family very much. Will you be the girl who captures his heart and makes him realize his dreams can come true no matter where he lives?

**Dexter** is a man of few words, simply showing up in the village one day. Rumors surround his past, but he loves playing with the children of the village, as do they. He doesn't really understand the concept of dating, so wooing him may be a bit of a challenge! If the idea of a mystery man excites you, then you've met your match in Dexter.

**Shinji** is a scholar who is obsessed with the gods. His dream is to meet a god or goddess one day. A straight shooter, he usually says exactly what is on his mind. Despite being a scholar, he is quite laid back, and has very a kind heart. Perhaps his goddess is right in front of him, and he just needs to open his eyes and heart to the love offered to him by you?

Players who pre-order the game before its October launch can receive one of the following exclusive pre-order offers from either Gamestop, Amazon or Natsume's own online store. Each retailer has its own exclusive colored Ember the dragon plushie. The Emerald Green Ember can be had at GameStop stores and GameStop.com <<http://GameStop.com>> <http://www.gamestop.com/nintendo-3ds/games/hometown-story/110405> <<http://www.gamestop.com/nintendo-3ds/games/hometown-story/110405>> , the Ruby Red Ember is available at Amazon.com <<http://Amazon.com>> <http://www.amazon.com/Hometown-Story-Ember-Dragon-nintendo-3ds/dp/B00ENWZAJW> <<http://www.amazon.com/Hometown-Story-Ember-Dragon-nintendo-3ds/dp/B00ENWZAJW>> , and the Sunny Yellow exclusive will soon be available at the Natsume Online Store at <http://natsume.com/store/> <<http://natsume.com/store/>> !

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