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NeighborImpact Celebrates Weatherization Day on October 30th

October 25, 2012 Bend, OR - Each year, October 30 is recognized as Weatherization Day. This day marks an annual opportunity to bring attention to the fact that low income households spend a disproportionate percentage of their annual incomes on home energy bills. The National Network of Weatherization Assistance Programs, which NeighborImpact is a member of, provide cost-effective, permanent solutions for reducing the heavy energy burden these families endure. These weatherization programs not only save energy through advanced technologies to improve the energy affordability for low-income families, but also save lives and improve the health and safety of families by identifying carbon monoxide hazards, poor indoor air quality, mold, and other health threats.

With support from the US Department of Energy, more than 6.7 million homes have been weatherized across the nation since 1976. Below are some statistics supporting the benefits of home weatherization practices;

- For every \$1 invested, weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and society
- \$437 or more in annual utility bill savings year after year at current energy prices
- Energy savings average 35% of consumption for the typical low-income home pre-weatherization consumption
- Weatherization decreases national energy consumption by the equivalent of 24.1 million barrels of oil annually
- Reduces residential and power plant emissions of carbon dioxide by 2.65 metric ton per year per home
- Over the life of the corrective measures, saves 53 metric tons of CO2 emissions per house

The NeighborImpact Weatherization Program serves Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties and provides free, grant funded weatherization services including energy efficient home improvements such as insulation, air sealing and replacement of inefficient appliances. Eligibility requires an application, income qualification and homeowner approval. For more information on the NeighborImpact Weatherization Program please go to www.neighborimpact.org/homesource or call 541-316-2034.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. It offers a diversity of services meeting basic human needs for food and shelter, while enriching people's lives by providing access to increased education, skills, and hope for the future. NeighborImpact is a private nonprofit organization that receives federal, state and local funding; foundation grants; and donations from individuals and businesses in our community. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.

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