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NeighborImpact Weatherization Program has Impact on Community and Economy

October 25, 2012 Bend, OR – In recognition of National Weatherization Day on October 30th, the NeighborImpact Weatherization Program announced it has weatherized more than 104 homes in 2012 to date by providing home improvements such as insulation, air sealing, and efficient mechanical equipment.

“That means over 300 of your low income neighbors will be able to conserve energy and reduce their costs for heat, cooling, and electricity,” said Weatherization Manager Emily Quaka. “The money saved by reducing their energy bills can now be used by these families in the local economy to pay for clothing, food, and other essentials in their daily lives.”

This year the Weatherization Program also completed projects that included installation of solar panels on 84 low income affordable housing units in Madras and Bend and installation of ductless heat pump systems in 40 units in Redmond. These projects provided a combined \$1.2 million dollars of revenue into our local economy by employing local contractors and purchasing solar panels built in Oregon. These were made possible by funds awarded to the State of Oregon from the Department of Energy for Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) projects. The source of funding was the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The NeighborImpact Weatherization Program provides free, grant funded weatherization. Eligibility requires an application, income qualification and homeowner approval. For more information 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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