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# Housing Resources Celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Weatherization Day, October 28, 2016

## Ribbon Cutting and Open House for Rehabilitated Montrose Weatherization Office

**GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (October 17, 2016)** – Housing Resources of Western Colorado (HRWC) will recognize the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Weatherization Assistance Program on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> with a Ribbon Cutting for the newly rehabilitated Weatherization office's at 460 N. Townsend in Montrose, CO. 81401. A proclamation will be read by Mayor Rex Swanson along with a ribbon cutting with the Montrose Chamber of Commerce at 1pm. An Open House for the public will be held from 2-5pm.

October 30 is recognized as Weatherization Day across the country. 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. HRWC partners with the Colorado Energy Office to 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 HRWC Weatherization Program serves Mesa, Delta, Montrose, Gunnison, Ouray, San Miguel, Hinsdale, Dolores, San Juan, Montezuma, La Plata and Archuleta Counties and provides free, grant funded weatherization services including energy efficient home improvements such as insulation, air sealing and replacement of inefficient appliances. These services are offered for stick built and manufactured homes, multi-family, Homeowners or those renting. Eligibility requires an application, income qualification and homeowner approval. For more information on the HRWC Weatherization Program please go to [www.hrwco.org](http://www.hrwco.org), or call 970-241-2871 X117.

### **About Housing Resources**

Housing Resources of Western Colorado (HRWC) has been providing housing services and affordable housing for families and individuals through their four programs of Housing Rehabilitation, Property Rentals, Weatherization and Self-Help Housing, while continuing to promote the wise and sustainable use of resources in Western Colorado for 39 years. The 501(c)(3) private non-profit also offers pre-purchase and post-purchase education, opportunities for community revitalization, and the provision of quality, safe, affordable housing for those who income-qualify. Housing Resources is a chartered member of NeighborWorks America [www.neighborworks.org](http://www.neighborworks.org) Learn more about Housing Resources of Western Colorado at [www.hrwco.org](http://www.hrwco.org) or by calling their offices at 970-241-2871.

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