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SCCAP celebrates National Weatherization Day Oct. 30th at Valley House

A chill is in the night air. Frost will soon be covering car windows in the morning. There's no doubt about it. Winter is near. Heaters are being turned on in homes throughout the Magic Valley and families are starting to think about the impact of higher energy prices on their monthly budgets as heating cost continue to increase.

This will impact all the families in our community, but the hardest-hit will be our elderly and disabled living on fixed incomes as well as low-income and families with small children. The low-income households pay 14% of their annual incomes for energy compared with 3.5% for other households. This causes those economically disadvantaged families to make the difficult choice between heat and other basic necessities.

With the proclamation of National Weatherization Day, our community is reminded of the federal program that addresses these daily energy concerns. The Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program operated by South Central Community Action Partnership (SCCAP), reduces the energy burden on low-income families by installing cost-effective, energy efficiency measures and addressing health & safety issues. The Governor of Idaho, Twin Falls City Council and Twin Falls County Commissioners have all proclaimed October 30th as Weatherization Day to raise awareness of the important benefits created by this cost effective program.



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Since the inception of the program in the Magic Valley in 1976, more than 6,500 homes have been weatherized by SCCAP. SCCAP weatherization technicians use computerized energy audits and advanced diagnostic technologies, such as blower doors, duct blasters and infrared cameras to determine the most cost-effective measures for each home. They also assess energy related health and safety conditions. There are six (6) weatherization providers within the State of Idaho that annually delivers Weatherization services to nearly 900 Idaho low-income homes each year throughout Idaho's 44 counties.

In our 8 Magic Valley counties, the South Central Community Action Partnership's Weatherization Program weatherizes an average of 175 homes every year. These households save an average of \$437 annually on their heating and cooling cost after the weatherization work is completed. In addition, weatherization makes the home warmer in the winter, cooler in the summer and a safer place to live.

This year SCCAP in conjunction with Dept. of Energy, Idaho Dept. of Health & Welfare and the Idaho Power Company will be celebrating Weatherization Day, Thursday October 30th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM with a *weatherization demonstration project* at Valley House Homeless Shelter. Valley House is a private non-profit shelter home whose mission is to help people regain self sufficiency. Valley House is located at 507 Addison Ave. West in Twin Falls.

Come visit SCCAP's professionally certified weatherization staff that will be on site to demonstrate techniques in residential energy efficiency improvements including air sealing, insulation and using state of the art diagnostic equipment. Also learn more about the Valley House Homeless Shelter who will have representatives available to discuss how it's helping homeless families and individuals in our community.

For more information about Weatherization Day and this year's demonstration project please call Ken Robinette, SCCAP CEO at (208) 733-9351 Ext. 1002, or visit the Dept. of Energy's national web site at www.waptac.org



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