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WEATHERIZATION DAY – OCTOBER 30, 2014

A chill in the night air. Frost on car windows in the morning. There's no doubt about it, winter is getting closer. Heaters are being turned on in homes across the Ozarks and families are starting to think about the impact on their monthly budgets.

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 Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Programs provides 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 Ozark Action Weatherization Program serves Howell, Douglas, Oregon, Ozark, Texas and Wright counties and provides free, grant funded weatherization services including energy efficient home improvements such as insulation, air sealing and replacement of inefficient furnaces. Eligibility requires an application, income qualification and homeowner approval.

*Investing in families in Douglas, Howell, Oregon, Ozark, Texas and Wright Counties
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About Ozark Action, Inc.: Since 1965, Ozark Action, Inc. has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Howell, Douglas, Oregon, Ozark, Texas and Wright counties. 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. Ozark Action, Inc. 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 Ozark Action please visit www.oaiwp.org.