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## Ozark Action:

### Weatherization assistance program has many benefits

Each year, October 30 is recognized as Weatherization Day. It 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, said Terry Sanders with the local community action agency Ozark Action.

Sanders said the low-income weatherization assistance program provides cost-effective, permanent solutions for reducing the heavy

energy burden these families endure. They 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, he said.

With support from the U.S. Department of Energy, 6.7 million homes have been weatherized across

the nation since 1976, Sanders said.

He said statistics show:

- 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 percent of consumption for the typical low-income home pre-weatherization consumption;

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- Weatherization energy consumption by million barrels of oil decreases national energy consumption by the equivalent of 24.1 million barrels annually:



**PROCLAMATION** - Weatherization Day Oct. 30 marks the annual opportunity to point to the cost-efficient weatherization assistance program for low-income families in the U.S. West Plains Mayor Jack Pahlmann was signed a proclamation supporting it. Thursday, a group that included the mayor went to the Troy and Hazel Call home at 806 Utah Ave., and was shown what needs to be done, and will be done, to weather-

ized the structure. From left: City Building Official Dustin Harrison, City Administrator Tom Stehn, city Economic Development Director Bob Case, Hazel Call, Ozark Action Board member Bill Lovelace, Troy Call, Pahlmann, Ozark Action Executive Director Terry Sanders, Ozark Action employees Shelly Thompson, Leroy Trone and Jim Collins, and Howell Oregon Electric Co-Op employee John Thomason. (Quill/London)

- 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, Sanders said.