



**NeighborImpact**

Critical Needs. Diverse Services. Empowering Change.

## **PRESS RELEASE**

**For Immediate Release: September 21, 2011**

**Contact:** Matthew Martin

**Agency:** NeighborImpact

**Telephone:** 541-504-5664

**Fax:** 541-504-3373

**Email:** matthewm@neighborimpact.org

### **NeighborImpact to Celebrate National Energy Awareness Month in October**

**Redmond, OR September 21, 2011** – NeighborImpact’s weatherization program assists Central Oregonians by providing services that lower energy bills and create opportunities for residents to manage their expenses wisely. Staff focuses on working with residents to make them more comfortable in their homes and more comfortable with their finances.

“As Energy Awareness Month approaches, we wanted to let everyone know the opportunities they have to save money by using energy efficiently in their homes,” states Matthew Martin, NeighborImpact Energy Specialist. “We provide free workshops to educate consumers on the simple steps they could take to save dollars right now.”

The NeighborImpact Weatherization Program provides free, grant funded weatherization services including energy education workshops, energy conserving home improvements such as adding to inadequate insulation, and replacement of inefficient appliances. Grant funded home improvements require an application, income qualification and homeowner approval. The energy education workshop is conducted at regularly scheduled times throughout Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson counties and is also available to interested community groups upon request.

“This program directly relates to NeighborImpact’s mission of empowering individuals and families to succeed by giving them the tools to manage resources intelligently,” said Martin. “As National Weatherization Day Approaches on October 30<sup>th</sup>, we want the public to know we are here to support their needs.”

Energy Awareness Month, created in 1991 by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), promotes energy awareness and energy savings. Increasingly, corporations, institutions, and governmental agencies are participating by launching their own internal programs.

For more information on the weatherization program and energy education workshops please go to [www.neighborimpact.org](http://www.neighborimpact.org) or call 541-316-2034.

**About NeighborImpact’s Housing Center Programs:** NeighborImpact, a private nonprofit organization, has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County since 1985. The Housing Center programs encompass services in education and counseling, home weatherization, and home rehabilitation loans. Neighbor Impact also 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. To learn more about NeighborImpact please visit [www.neighborimpact.org](http://www.neighborimpact.org).

###

Contact us at our Redmond Office, 2303 SW First Street, Redmond, OR  
Bend Office 20310 Empire Ave. Suite A110, Bend, OR (not a mailing address)  
NeighborImpact on Facebook, e-mail us at [info@neighborimpact.org](mailto:info@neighborimpact.org) or visit us at [www.neighborimpact.org](http://www.neighborimpact.org)