



**Weatherization Month Celebration
Monday, October 17, 2011
Program Schedule**

- 10:00 am Welcome & Introductions
 Keith Pitts, Director CDD, Corporation for Ohio Appalachian Development (COAD)
 Nancy Pierce, Executive Director, MEOAG
- 10:15 am Keynote Address
 Senator Troy Balderson
- 10:30 am Mayor of Zanesville, Howard Zwelling
- 10:45 am Recognition of Resident Homeowners/Tenants for Tour & Open Houses
- 12:00 noon Formal program concludes

COAD and MEOAG would like to thank the Norris' residents, our project partners and stakeholders, American Electric Power, Columbia Gas, Testo, Fluke, Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy, the Ohio Department of Development Office of Community Services, and others.

The Weatherization effort is one example of a larger effort which highlights the benefit of both the Home Weatherization Assistance Program and the opportunity for market transformation in the private energy efficiency retrofit sector. By working together, through strategic investments in energy efficiency projects, we can revitalize our communities, deliver the promise of good, green jobs, increase our national security, and protect our environment Thank you for joining us!

Thank you for celebrating Ohio Weatherization Month with us!

**Muskingum Economic Opportunity Action Group
Zanesville Open House
1145 Parker Dr.
Zanesville, Ohio 43701**



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Andrew Binegar, Assistant HWAP Manager
Office of Community Services
Ohio Department of Development
PO Box 1001
Columbus, OH 43216

September 14, 2011

Dear Mr. Binegar :

Ground Level Solutions, Inc. invites you to attend its Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Showcase on Friday, October 7, 2011, at 193 Fairlawn Ave, Mansfield, Ohio. The event will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will exhibit services provided by the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP), the Columbia Gas WarmChoice Program, and the First Energy Community Connections Program. These programs, provided at no cost to our customers, are designed to increase the energy efficiency of the dwelling and reduce participants' household energy expenditures while ensuring their health and safety.

Ground Level Solutions, Inc. has operated the Home Weatherization Assistance Program since 2006 and served over 800 customers and has operated the Columbia Gas WarmChoice Program since 1986 and served over 10,000 customers. The services provided have saved residents an average of 25% - 30% on their home energy costs.

The event will demonstrate the diagnostic testing involved in a home energy evaluation, such as infrared thermography, blower door testing, and combustion analysis testing. You will also have an opportunity to see the measures installed in the showcase home which include attic and sidewall insulation, air sealing, clean and tune of the furnace and hot water heater, and electric baseload measures.

Please let us know if you or another representative from your organization will be able to join us for this special event by contacting Pam Sellards at psellards@groundlevelsolutions.org or 419-774-0457. We look forward to seeing you on October 7, 2011.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Johnson, Jr.' The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Johnson, Jr.
Executive Director



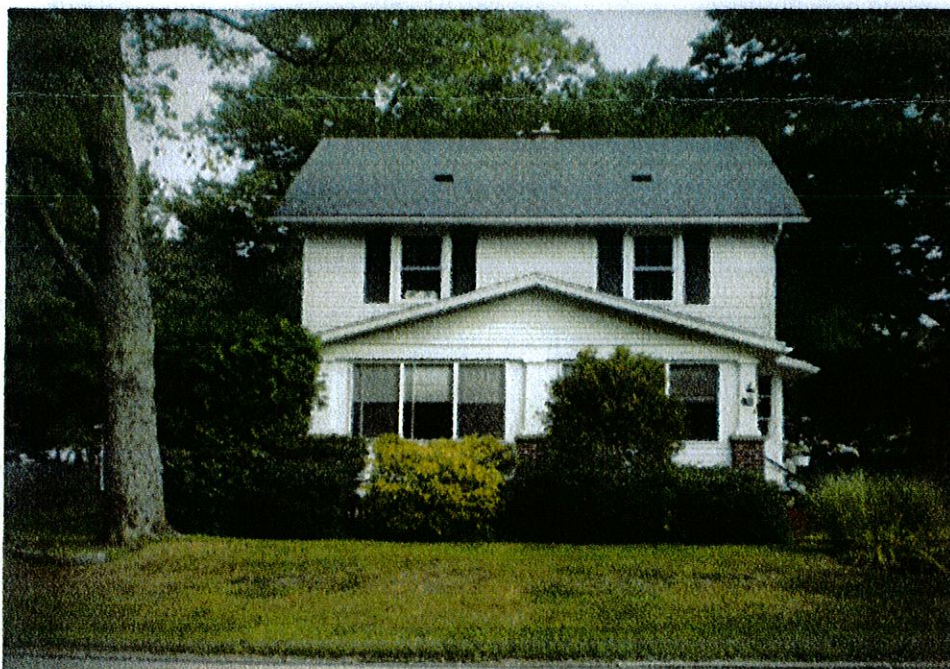
Ground Level Solutions

Energy Efficiency and Weatherization

Showcase Fact Sheet

193 Fairlawn Ave. Mansfield, OH 44903

October 7, 2011



Background Information on the Home:

- **Mr. and Mrs. Fred and Barbara Todd have lived in the home at 193 Fairlawn Avenue in Mansfield for 48 years.**
- **The home was built in 1929 and is 1,416 square feet in size.**
- **The home has natural gas heat, with an annual natural gas consumption of 1,300 ccf and electric consumption in excess of 7,000 kilowatt hours.**
- **The existing heating system and hot water tank needed a clean and tune and a flue liner.**
- **The existing roof was severely deteriorated and in need of replacement.**
- **The home had little insulation and high air leakage.**

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Handwritten: 80% savings on energy bills

GLS's Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) provided the following:

- electric baseload measures
- carbon monoxide detectors on the 1st and 2nd floors
- water heater insulation and DHW pipe insulation
- blown cellulose insulation in the attic
- blown cellulose insulation in the sidewall cavities
- air sealing where needed

GLS's Columbia Gas WarmChoice Program provided the following:

- Clean and tune the furnace
- Clean and tune the hot water tank
- Install a flue liner

The First Energy Community Connections Program provided the following:

- total roof replacement

GLS weatherization services include an energy inspection of each client's home. The inspection focuses on the heating system, insulation of the attic, floors and wall areas, reducing the air leakage into the home from the outside, as well as health and safety concerns. The weatherization process reduces a home's energy bills an average of twenty-five to thirty percent, or an estimated savings of \$ 600.00 per year for this home based on previous usage. These services are provided at no cost to the occupants.

Home energy efficiency and weatherization programs create other non-energy benefits as well, including the following:

- increased property value
- improved health and safety conditions
- increased comfort for the occupants
- extended lifespan for the housing unit

For more information about GLS's energy efficiency and weatherization programs, please contact a Customer Service Representative.

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September 13, 2011

Dear Mr. Binegar,

You are invited to the Ground Level Solutions, Inc. Energy Efficiency and Weatherization Showcase on October 14, 2011 at 2174 Lilac Wood Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. The event will be held from 10:00am to 12:00pm and will exhibit services provided by the Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and the AEP Ohio gridSMART Community Assistance Program (CAP). These programs are provided at no-cost to our customers and are designed to increase the energy efficiency of the dwelling, reduce participants' household energy expenditures, and improve participants' health and safety.

Since 2003, Ground Level Solutions, Inc. has provided energy efficiency and weatherization services to over 1,200 clients in Franklin County through the Home Weatherization Assistance Program. The services that we have provided have saved residents an average of 25% on their home energy costs. Ground Level Solutions, Inc. has operated the AEP Ohio gridSMART CAP since June 2010 and has served over 130 customers to date. With the measures installed through the program, the CAP has saved over 190,000 kilowatt hours.

The event will demonstrate the diagnostic testing involved in a home energy evaluation, such as infrared thermography, blower door testing, and combustion analysis testing. You will also have an opportunity to see the measures installed in the showcase home, which include attic insulation, air sealing, an Energy Star heat pump system, an Energy Star refrigerator, and a total roof replacement.

Please let us know if you or another representative from your organization will be able to join us for this special event by contacting Bonnie Weigand at weigandb3@groundlevelsolutions.org or 614.861.7992. We look forward to seeing you on October 14th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Johnson Jr.'.

John Johnson, Jr.
Executive Director

Weatherization Demonstration



Working to
Save you
Money

Date: 10/26/2011

Time: 10:00 AM till 2:00 PM

Our Demonstration Home for 2011 is going to be in the Historic South at 27 Walbridge Ave. Toledo Ohio 43609

Neighborhood Housing Services of Toledo Inc.

Contact person: Phillip Barbosa

Phone: 419-691-2900

Cell: 419-392-4594

E-mail: PBarbosa@nhstoledo.org

The event will last 4 (four) hours. This demonstration will illustrate how the Weatherization program reduces the energy cost burden on low-income families and handicapped by reducing home energy consumption.

Highlights

- Sidewall Insulation
- Furnace Testing
- Client Education
- Blower Door


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October 19, 2011

Ohio Department of Development
Office of Community Services
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Dear Ohio Department of Development Office of Community Services Binegar;

On behalf of the Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. Board of Directors, I invite you to attend a Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program on-site demonstration at the home of a Lucas County resident.

Local Non-profit Corporations are sponsoring a series of Weatherization site demonstrations around the state this summer and fall. Wednesday 26 2011 at 10 am Weatherization personnel from Neighborhood Housing Services Inc will be demonstrating residential energy conservation diagnostic equipment and techniques at the home of:

Ms. Deborah Leffler
27 Walbridge. Toledo, Ohio 43609

The event will last one hour. The demonstration will illustrate how the Weatherization Program reduces the energy burden on low-income families, particularly the elderly and handicapped by reducing the costs of home energy.

You will be welcomed at this informal event by Executive Director, William Farnsel. After a brief overview of the Weatherization Assistance Program, a crew will demonstrate a typical weatherization measures, including the state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment that is used nationally in the residential housing market. You will see the operations of a proven, cost-effective low-income energy conservation program that helps your constituents.

Others invited to attend include U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown & Robert Portman, Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, and Congressman Dennis Kunich County Commission President Pete Gerken, Ohio Senators Edna Brown & Mark Wagoner and Ohio State Representatives Barbara Sears Assistant Majority Floor Leader, Representative Mike Ashford, Teresa Fedor and Assistant Minority Leader Matt Szollosi, along with the Reporters from the local media.

Weatherization is an effective public investment and an important program in Lucas County and the City of Toledo. I hope that you will be able to attend the on-site demonstration to see the program in action. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me, Phillip Barbosa, at 419-691-2900.

Sincerely,

Phillip R. Barbosa

Project Facilitator

Energy Services • Financial Management Training • Home Buyer Education • Home Maintenance Training
HomeOwnership Financing • Housing Development • N.H.S. Weatherization Services





GLEAMNS Human Resources Commission

Cordially invites you to

Weatherization Day

**Celebrating the accomplishments of making
homes more energy efficient.**

**Monday, October 31, 2011
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

**Brewer Community Complex
(Old Brewer Middle School)
927 East Cambridge Avenue
Greenwood, South Carolina 29646**

**Please RSVP by Thursday, October 27, 2011
to pkimble@gleamnshrc.org or (864) 229-8818.**

WEATHERIZATION WORKS!

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and
Baltimore Housing Commissioner Paul Graziano
cordially invite you to a



National Weatherization Day Celebration

Date: October 31, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 2420 Woodbrook Avenue



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake,
Mayor



Paul Graziano,
Commissioner



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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release: October 27, 2011

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NeighborImpact Celebrates Weatherization Day on October 30th

October 25, 2011 Redmond, OR - As Weatherization Day approaches the NeighborImpact Weatherization Program announced it has weatherized more than 140 homes this year alone.

"This program has helped families in Crook, Jefferson, and Deschutes Counties conserve energy and reduce their costs for heating, cooling, and electricity usage," said Executive Director Sharon Miller. "The money saved by reducing their energy bills can now be used by these families to pay for clothing, food, and other essentials in their daily lives."

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,
- 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.

Each year, October is designated as National Energy Awareness Month and October 30 is recognized as Weatherization Day. The Department of Energy uses the onset of winter to promote energy conservation, renewable energy, and new technology use in the energy industry.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. 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. NeighborImpact 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 NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.
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Veterans Green Jobs Offers Free Home Weatherization Services to Income-Qualified Households in Denver/Jefferson County and the San Luis Valley

October is National Energy Awareness Month; October 30 is Weatherization Day

Oct. 19, 2011, DENVER, Colo. – [Veterans Green Jobs](#), a national nonprofit that puts military veterans back to work in the green jobs economy, is promoting its free weatherization services to income-qualified Denver, Jefferson County and San Luis Valley households. October is National Energy Awareness Month and the October 30 is Weatherization Day.

Veterans Green Jobs has a contract with the [Colorado Governor's Energy Office](#) (GEO) to weatherize 1,397 income-qualified homes between July 2011 and June 2012. Since 2009, the organization has provided energy efficiency services to an average of 1,200 homes per year. Energy efficiency upgrades include energy audits, insulation, appliance repair and replacement, and air-leak sealing. These services help residents save on their utility bills while increasing comfort and safety year-round.

"Weatherization is as important to our homes as wearing a jacket in the wintertime. However, some people may not realize that it also keeps our homes cooler in the summer. This month is a reminder that we can all do more to prepare our homes for weather of all seasons," said Dr. Bill Doe, CEO of Veterans Green Jobs. "Thanks to funding from the Colorado Governor's Energy Office, we provide these critical services at no cost to income-qualified households – and the costs saved on utility bills can be spent on other important items such as food and clothing."

Veterans Green Jobs' weatherization services give hope for a more comfortable winter to residents like Renee Shirley. "In the winter, we usually keep the cold out by stapling Army blankets to the walls and putting plastic on the windows. We'll be warmer this year, thanks to these services. I'm hoping our bills will go down by at least \$100 a month," she says.

"The Weatherization Assistance Program partnership with Veterans Green Jobs in Denver and Jefferson County has been very successful in providing the eligible Coloradans with much need energy efficiency services that enable residents to reduce their energy consumption and lower their monthly energy bills, make their homes safer and more comfortable," said Doug Karl, the Governor's Energy Office (GEO) weatherization director. The GEO manages weatherization programs that provide no-cost services to income eligible households throughout all 64 counties of Colorado with over 7,000 housing retrofits completed in the past year.

The average homeowner in the U.S. pays about \$2,000 a year for energy. Weatherization can save an average of \$437 annually in heating and cooling costs (source: [U.S. Energy Information Administration](#)).

In June, Veterans Green Jobs successfully fulfilled its contract period with the Colorado Governor's Energy Office to weatherize income-qualifying homes in Denver and Jefferson counties and the San Luis Valley. About 1,630 households were weatherized under the July 2010-June 2011 contract funded in part by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The successful program continues uninterrupted under a new contract which began July 1.

How to Qualify

Residents who are already receiving financial assistance under other programs may qualify for free weatherization upgrades. Those programs include Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) and Supplemental Security Income. Eligibility can also be determined by household income, including households making up to 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Priority service may also be given to persons who are considered elderly, disabled, low-income or single parents, as well as clients whose homes are considered to bear high energy costs or a high energy burden. To learn more, households in Denver, Jefferson County and the San Luis Valley are asked to visit <http://veteransgreenjobs.org/weatherization-programs> . Income qualifying residents in other Colorado counties are also eligible to receive weatherization services. Visit www.rechargecolorado.com to learn about income-qualified weatherization and other energy-saving programs and incentives.

About Veterans Green Jobs

Veterans Green Jobs is a national nonprofit whose mission is to engage, transition and connect military veterans with meaningful employment opportunities that serve our communities and environment. Under a contract with the Colorado Governor's Energy Office, Veterans Green Jobs weatherizes income-qualified homes in Denver, Jefferson County and the San Luis Valley. In partnership with conservation corps and land management agencies, the nonprofit helps veterans get skills and training in outdoor conservation and natural resource management. It is currently creating an outreach, recruitment and placement program that will connect veterans with green industry employers and certified training programs. The nonprofit's Go Green Warehouse is a discount home improvement materials store whose sales proceeds support job and training programs for military veterans. See www.veteransgreenjobs.org for more information.

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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 30th, 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 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.

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REBECCA S. SKILLMAN
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**For Immediate Release
October 26, 2011**

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**Lt. Governor Celebrates Completion of 20,000 Houses Weatherized
through the Home Energy Conservation Program**

INDIANAPOLIS- Lt. Governor Becky Skillman joined state agency and utility leaders this afternoon to celebrate the weatherization of 20,000 homes – five months ahead of schedule – through Indiana’s federally funded Home Energy Conservation Program. In addition to the 20,000-home benchmark, Lt. Governor Skillman touted a federal audit that showed no “material problems” with the Indiana’s program.

“Nationwide, this program has been a magnet for waste, fraud, and abuse. But in Indiana we did it right,” said Lt. Governor Skillman, who chairs the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA). “We reached our goal five months early, we saved money allowing us to complete additional homes, and abuse is nonexistent.”

Indiana’s had a few unique aspects that led to this success. First, comprehensive training was provided to contractors, ensuring work was done correctly the first time. In many states, audits discovered homes that needed to be re-done. Secondly, Indiana instituted bulk purchasing for all contractors, which saved money on weatherization materials. Finally, a \$5,000 limit was placed on each home, instead of the federally recommended \$6,500 limit. This allowed more homes to be affected overall.

In a typical year, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) allocates funds for Indiana to weatherize about 2,000 homes. Stimulus funding increased that amount tenfold. Research has found that these energy savings activities typically result in a 20-30% savings in a household’s utility bill.

Lt. Governor Skillman celebrated the milestone at the home of a weatherization client on Indianapolis’ near north side. Energy conservation efforts that took place at this home included: a new furnace, a new water heater, new attic insulation, and air sealing around windows and doors. This home has been weatherized by the Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation (WECC) with additional funding from Citizens Gas and Indianapolis Power and Light Company (IPL).

Skillman was joined today by representatives from Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation, members of the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority staff, and executives from Citizens Gas and Indianapolis Power and Light.

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Weatherization tips:

- Make sure your home or business has proper insulation.
- Properly maintain your heating system (including changing the filter regularly).
- Use a programmable thermostat (or turn the temperature down a few degrees during bedtime and when the home or business is unoccupied).
- Check weather stripping, caulk and seals and make needed repairs.
- Make sure furnace ducts are properly sealed.
- Insulate your water heater (if the manufacturer's instructions allow).
- Purchase and use appliances with the Energy Star label.
- Wear appropriate winter clothing and adjust your thermostat accordingly.
- Take additional small steps to improve efficiency (such as opening draperies during the day but closing them at night and setting ceiling fans to run clockwise during winter).

Energy safety tips:

- Keep space heaters away from furniture, draperies and rugs. Do not let children or pets go near them, and always follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not use a space heater when sleeping, and never leave one unattended.
- Only use a kerosene heater in a well-ventilated area.
- Never use an oven or stove to heat the home.
- If you smell natural gas or otherwise suspect a leak, leave the premises immediately. Once you are off the property and can no longer smell the leak, call 911.
- Don't overload extension cords or electric outlets. Do not use outlets with loose-fitting plugs.
- Check pilot lights on gas appliances regularly. The pilot light should be a steady, blue flame.
- Never touch a downed power line; always assume that every power line is live.

For more information on energy efficiency, budget billing and safety:

- Hoosiers Care: www.hoosierscare.in.gov
- Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor (OUCC): www.in.gov/oucc or 1-888-441-2494.
- Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC): www.in.gov/iurc.
- U.S. Department of Energy: www.energysavers.gov or 1-800-363-3732; an insulation fact sheet is available at www.ornl.gov/roofs+walls/insulation.
- Your local natural gas utility.

For low-income billing and weatherization assistance:

- Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA): www.in.gov/ihcda or 1-800-872-0371
- Your local Community Action Agency

Insulation deduction on state income taxes:

- Indiana Department of Revenue: IT-40 booklet, page 20, www.in.gov/dor.

Federal income tax credits for energy efficiency:

- U.S. Department of Energy: www.energy.gov or 1-800-DIAL-DOE

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Media Advisory

Office of Energy and Planning Celebrates Weatherization Day *NH Meets Recovery Act Goal of Weatherizing 2600+ Homes*

You are cordially invited to join the Office of Energy and Planning on **October 28th** at a special event to recognize National Weatherization Day, the accomplishments of New Hampshire's weatherization programs, and the role of weatherization in lowering energy use in homes.

What: Media Event to celebrate National Weatherization Day

Where: State House lawn
107 North Main Street
Concord, NH 03301

When: Friday, October 28, 2011
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The U.S. Department of Energy granted \$23 million dollars to New Hampshire under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to weatherize over 2600 low-income homes over a period of three years. New Hampshire has met that goal this month and is currently on track to weatherize at least an additional 500 before the end of the performance period in March 2012.

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about home weatherization: how it's performed, its benefits, and resources available for weatherizing their own homes. They can see demonstrations of the latest energy auditing and weatherizing techniques and will understand the impacts of New Hampshire's residential weatherization programs on home occupants' energy savings and improved safety, health, and comfort. Governor Lynch will also be proclaiming October 30th, 2011, as Weatherization Day in New Hampshire.

For more information on this event, contact Pam Crook, NH Office of Energy and Planning (603) 271-2685, pamela.crook@nh.gov. Kindly RSVP to Pam if you are planning to attend.

National Weatherization Day Spotlight

The Scruggs Family 2420 Woodbrook Avenue

The Scruggs story is one of a Baltimore family that would have been left to live in an unhealthy and unsafe home if it was not for the collaborative spirit of a growing group of government, non-profit and private organizations keen on reshaping the way housing and health services can be streamlined to effectively meet the multifaceted needs of Baltimore communities.

Mr. Scruggs is a 58-year old homeowner who has lived in his Baltimore row home for the past ten years with his wife. His three teenage children live in the home along with their one-year old grandson who stays at the house daily. A ten-year veteran of the Department of Public Works in Sanitation, Mr. Scruggs had to retire six-year ago on disability, after being injured on the job. His wife, also suffering from a disability, was unable to work too.

On very limited income with three children to provide for, Mr. Scruggs struggled to maintain a safe and healthy environment for his family. Due to roofing problems and lead paint hazards in the home, the Scruggs family would not have been able to receive weatherization or energy conservation assistance

Rather than deny the case and walk away, the Baltimore City Weatherization Assistance Program made a referral to the City's LIGHT Project, a public private partnership funded by the Constellation Energy Group. The LIGHT Coordinator visited the home and assessed the family's needs and how agencies could cooperatively meet those needs. After identifying chipping and peeling paint along the windows and doors and high levels of lead dust, the LIGHT Coordinator connected Mr. Scruggs with Baltimore Housing's Lead Abatement Program. The Lead Abatement Program replaced windows and doors and made the house lead safe for Mr. Scruggs' grandchild. The Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning is providing post-remediation education and services to the family.

Baltimore Housing's Office of Rehabilitation Services was then brought in to replace the leaking roof with an energy-efficient white roof through a no-interest deferred loan. The roof repairs and case coordination were funded through an innovative \$1 million grant from the Constellation Energy Foundation. The grant also provides heating system replacements for houses receiving green and healthy home improvements.

With the roof completed and the lead paint hazards abated, Mr. Scruggs was now eligible to receive a full treatment of energy conservation services from the Baltimore City Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). WAP contracted with Living Classrooms, a non-profit agency providing employment training to disadvantaged Baltimore City residents, for the air sealing, insulation and weather stripping that will

save the Scruggs' family an estimated 30% on monthly utility bills. Coldspring HVAC, a Baltimore-based minority-owned business, served the household's furnace.

Finally, recognizing Mr. and Mrs. Scruggs' disabilities, the Office of Rehabilitation Services will be providing loan funding to renovate their second floor bathroom to make it more accessible. Rebuilding Together Baltimore, a non-profit serving seniors and disabled homeowners, will provide fall and injury prevention measures to prevent in-home falls and injuries.

On May 18, 2011, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake signed the Green and Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) Compact confirming Baltimore City's commitment to further coordinated public non-profit, and private partnerships to make as many houses in Baltimore City as possible – greener, healthier, and more sustainable. GHHI is a national pilot program funded by HUD in Baltimore, and more than a dozen cities around the country, with leadership provided by the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning. The Baltimore Community Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Abell Foundation are active participants in Baltimore's GHHI program along with numerous government and non-profit agencies.

Through a systematic effort to coordinate services through public-private partnerships, the Scruggs family is now able to live in a safe, energy-efficient and healthy house. The comfort and security that Mr. Scruggs now has, knowing he can now maintain a stable home for his family, is priceless.



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NeighborImpact Weatherization Program Supports Local Residents

October 18, Redmond, OR - With support from the U.S. Department of Energy, the NeighborImpact Weatherization Program provides money saving services to Central Oregon residents. Since the inception of the federal weatherization program in 1976, more than 6.7 million homes have been weatherized across the nation. The NeighborImpact Weatherization Program provides permanent solutions to reduce the energy burden on low-income families by installing cost-effective, energy-efficient materials and services.

More than 140 homes have been weatherized by NeighborImpact in the past year alone, including that of Central Oregon Resident, Frances Barber who said, "The experience (with NeighborImpact) was wonderful. What was done to my home is a blessing as it is warmer in the winter. I am tickled that there is a service provided like this for the ones that cannot afford to do the things the weatherization program does."

As the cold weather approaches, most families across the country are turning up their thermostats to combat dropping temperatures. For low-income families, however, cranking up the heat is not always an option. These families pay 14% or more of their annual incomes for energy compared with only 3% for other non low-income families. Unable to pay big balances or hefty reconnection fees, some families are considering how they will survive this winter without heat.

Barber had a roof leak, an inefficient refrigerator, and limited financial resources to address these issues in addition to her daily expenses. NeighborImpact's weatherization program provided her with a new refrigerator and addressed the roof leak as part of a comprehensive improvement plan for her residence. Now Barber doesn't worry about food spoiling or water damage in her home due to a leaky roof. In addition, she has had a total savings of \$180.00 on her utility bill in the six months since her home was weatherized

Each year, October is designated as National Energy Awareness Month and October 30 is recognized as Weatherization Day. The Department of Energy uses the onset of winter to promote energy conservation, renewable energy, and new technology use in the energy industry. With the high costs of fuel oil and natural gas, a successful conservation program like the NeighborImpact Weatherization Program makes a noticeable impact to local residents.

About NeighborImpact: Since 1985, NeighborImpact has been a leader in developing solutions and bringing resources to Crook, Jefferson and Deschutes County. 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. NeighborImpact 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 NeighborImpact please visit www.neighborimpact.org.
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News for Immediate Release

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DCED Secretary Walker Tours Weatherized Dauphin County Home; Touts Job Creation and Training

Harrisburg – Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary C. Alan Walker today toured a weatherized Dauphin County home where he highlighted the effectiveness of the state's Weatherization Assistance Program that has accounted for the hiring of more than 940 workers in less than three years.

"This is a great program that really has a positive effect in communities throughout Pennsylvania," Walker said. "Not only does the weatherization program help low-income Pennsylvanians reduce energy costs, it also supports hundreds of construction jobs. In less than two years, 43 agencies employing more than 1,500 workers have retrofitted more than 27,000 homes."

The Weatherization Assistance Program was designed to create jobs and reduce energy consumption and costs in low-income homes. Energy reduction comes from basic repair and construction measures like insulating the attic and sidewalls, caulking cracks in windows and in some cases, replacing windows and doors. It also educates energy consumers on the actions they can take to decrease energy consumption.

In anticipation of completing more than 32,000 homes in three years, six new training centers were opened throughout the state and the Penn College Weatherization Training Center doubled its size to account for demand. To date, more than 1,700 weatherization certifications have been issued to more than 1,200 trained individuals.

"As home-heating costs rise, many people on fixed incomes are feeling the squeeze," said Dauphin County Commissioner George P. Hartwick III, who oversees the county's Weatherization Program. "Our weatherization program not only has helped families reduce their energy bills, but also it has provided hundreds of job opportunities throughout the capital county."

For more information on Dauphin County Weatherization, visit www.DauphinCounty.org or call 1-800-950-7447.

For more information about the Weatherization Assistance Program or other economic development initiatives in Pennsylvania, call 1-866-466-3972 or visit newPA.com.

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COMMUNITY ACTION ENERGY FAIR

Community Action's 9th Annual Energy will be held on Saturday, October 22nd, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Lincoln Street Elementary School, 801 NE Lincoln St., Hillsboro, OR 97124. The fair is free and open to everyone in the community. Information will be available in English and Spanish.

The fair has always presented information on ways to save energy, but over the years, its focus has expanded. Pacific University Optometry will be providing eye screenings. Tuality Health Care will be providing blood pressure and cholesterol screenings. Costco and Starbucks will be providing morning refreshments. NW Natural will be grilling hot dogs for lunch. There will be hourly door prizes and children's activities, including face painting, and a drawing contest. Workshops will include "Chasing Energy Vampires" by Community Action Weatherization, "Furnace Basics" by Rex Heating, "Fix A Leak" by the Joint Water Commission, "Green Cleaners" by Metro, "Together We Prepare" by the Oregon Red Cross, and "It's a Snap to Apply for SNAP" by Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon.

Presenters include Adelante Mujeres, Campfire Columbia, Care to Share, Centro Cultural, Citizens Utility Board, City of Hillsboro--Sustainability Program, Community Action, Costco, Conservation Services Group, Elders in Action, Green Mountain Energy, Home Energy Life Performance Group, Hillsboro Family Resource Center, Hillsboro Fire and Rescue, Hillsboro Police, Home Plate, Joint Water Commission, Metro, NW Natural, Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Law Center, Oregon Red Cross, Oregon State University Extension Service, Pacific University Optometry, Partners for a Hunger Free Oregon, PGE, Rex Heating, Sears, Stubb Stuart State Park, Tualatin Valley Gleaners, Tuality Health Care, Virginia Garcia Memorial Health Center, Washington County Cooperative Library Services, Washington County Cooperative Recycling, and Washington County Sheriff.

Community Action is non-profit agency dedicated to bringing hope, help and change to low-income families in Washington County. Responding annually to over 30,000 requests for assistance, Community Action offers programs and services that help families meet basic needs, access vital resources, and achieve long-term success. These programs include weatherization, energy and emergency rent assistance, early childhood education, prenatal health care outreach, housing and homeless services, child care resources and referral, and information and referral.



WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP TEACHES “DO-IT-YOURSELF” HOME ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

--Free Clinic to Help Homeowners Reduce Energy Costs, Improve
Home Comfort, Health and Safety--

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

WICHITA – In celebration of National Weatherization Day, the South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) will host a free weatherization workshop to help Kansas homeowners learn cost-effective ways to curb energy use. Sponsored by SCKEDD, Menards, Westar Energy and Washer Specialties, the clinic will offer tips on taking a whole-home approach to energy efficiency, how to adapt lifestyles to reduce utility costs and how to distinguish “do-it yourself” projects from those that may require professional services.

“Homeowners across Kansas are looking for ways to cut energy waste and this workshop is a great place to learn which weatherization practices work best,” said Bill Lampe, SCKEDD Weatherization Manager.

The workshop will take place on Saturday, October 29th from 10am to 2pm at the WICHITA EAST Menards store located at 3250 N. Toben Street, near the intersection of K-96 and North Webb Road. Admission is free and registration is not required. Participants attending the workshop are encouraged to enter prize drawings for the following giveaways:

- Free HVAC System – installation provided by SCKEDD, equipment provided by Washer Specialties
- Free Home Energy Audit - provided by SCKEDD

All participants will receive a free compact fluorescent light bulb or low-flow showerhead provided by Menards. ***Supplies are limited, so come early!***

The South Central Kansas Economic Development District is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing healthy, safe affordable housing for all Kansans. SCKEDD assists individuals, companies and government agencies with community improvement, housing, and other urgent needs.

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SCKEDD administers the Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program on behalf of Kansas Housing Resources Corporation. Weatherization provides housing improvements that increase energy efficiency in income-eligible, single- or multi-family dwellings, including manufactured homes.

According to statistics from U.S. Department of Energy, weatherization:

- Saves \$437 in heating and cooling costs year after year at current prices.
- Decreases national energy consumption by the equivalent of 24.1 million barrels of oil annually.
- In 2011, weatherized homes nationally will save \$2.1 billion for low-income families.
- For every \$1 invested in the program, weatherization returns \$2.51 to the household and society.

Weatherization services may include weather-stripping and/or caulking around windows and doors; cleaning, testing, repairs or replacement of heating and/or cooling systems; refrigerator testing and possible replacement; adding insulation to walls, ceilings or foundation areas; infiltration reduction and addressing indoor air quality issues.

SCKEDD provides weatherization services in the following counties: Barber, Chautauqua, Cowley, Elk, Harper, Kingman, McPherson, Rice, Reno, Pratt, Stafford, Sedgwick and Sumner. For more information about SCKEDD or the Weatherization Assistance Program, please contact 316-262-7035 or visit their website at www.sckedd.org.



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NATIONAL WEATHERIZATION DAY EVENTS IN VERMONT

Regional Low-Income Weatherization Partners To Hold Educational Tours

Montpelier, Vermont—October 26, 2011—Monday, October 31, is National Weatherization Day, and throughout Vermont the organizations that provide weatherization services will be offering a behind the scenes look at the latest in building science and how it is being used to help the most vulnerable Vermonters make their homes more affordable and comfortable. Each agency will hold an open house at their facilities beginning at 9AM, followed by a site visit to a project in progress at 11:30 AM.

“With rising fuel prices and the cumulative damage from Tropical Storm Irene, the need for weatherization has never been more critical,” said Shaun Donahue, Director of Vermont’s Office of Economic Opportunity. “The state’s draft energy plan underlines the importance of expanding weatherization services and we feel that decision makers need to see first hand how this program works.”

In 2010, the state’s five weatherization agencies made energy efficiency improvements on more than 1,700 low-income households, ranging from mobile homes to large affordable housing projects. Participating Vermont households will save an average of \$400 annually from the state’s investment in weatherization.

Visitors will tour the facilities of their local weatherization program headquarters where they can meet the program directors and energy auditors, learn how projects are managed and crews dispatched. Then, the tour will move on to a nearby weatherization job in progress where they can see a crew in action, learn about the technology and techniques, and talk with some of the people who are benefitting from the program.

To learn more about your local event, please contact your local weatherization partner, please visit: http://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/weatherization_offices or call Erik Filkorn at 802-238-4560.

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and
Baltimore Housing Commissioner Paul Graziano
cordially invite you to a



National Weatherization Day Celebration

Date: October 31, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: 2420 Woodbrook Avenue



Stephanie Rawlings-Blake,
Mayor



Paul Graziano,
Commissioner