

# Prairie Opportunity Inc.

## Weatherization Day

On November 3, 2011, Prairie Opportunity, Inc. celebrated its Annual Weatherization Day in McKee Park located on Lynn Lane in Starkville, Ms. approximately 50 people attended. It was a day of learning, fun, information and hands on training.

Sheryl Perkins, Prairie Opportunity, Inc. Weatherization Coordinator start the day out with informing the visitors of the Weatherization Program and how to sign up for the program and the qualifications, and additional information was giving out on other programs that Prairie Opportunity, Inc. has, such as Liheap, ECIP and the CSBG programs.

Then the floor was open to Lowe's, a major worldwide vendor. Two representatives from Lowe's spoke on different measures that client's can take to minimize their energy bills. They also presented several new products and demonstrated how to use the product as well as how those products can save client's 10-30% on their energy bills.

Starkville Electric then toke over and explained different measures like, washing clothes in cold water, turning down your thermostat, and turning down the hot water heater can save on the clients energy bills. Also how unplugging appliances that's not in uses, if they are plugged in they are still using energy and keeping filters changed every month in central units.

Starkville L.P. Gas then spoke about propane gas prices and the best time to book your gas to receive it at a lower price. How heat rises and that running ceiling fans can push heat back down. He also talked about the danger of the unvented space heaters, carbon monoxide poisoning and what do if you smell gas.

Door prizes were awarded by tickets numbers that were given upon sign-in. Pictures were taken throughout the event of different demonstration and of the winners of door prizes. Lunch was being served as door prizes were given away.

This event is held annually and each year it gets better.

Thank,

Sheryl Perkins