



WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOPS TEACH “DO-IT-YOURSELF” HOME ENERGY IMPROVEMENTS

--SCKEDD Hosts Free Clinics to Help Homeowners Reduce Energy Costs, Improve Home Comfort, Health and Safety--



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WICHITA (October 30th, 2010) – Celebrating National Weatherization Day, the South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) hosted two free weatherization workshops to educate Kansas homeowners on cost-effective ways to curb energy use. Sponsored by SCKEDD, Lowe’s Home Improvement Stores, Westar Energy and Comfort Products, the clinics offered tips on taking a whole-home approach to energy efficiency and how to adapt lifestyles to reduce utility costs.

“Homeowners across Kansas are looking for ways to cut energy waste, and workshops like these are a great place to learn which weatherization practices work best,” said Bill Lampe, SCKEDD Production Coordinator.



The workshops took place October 30th at the Lowe’s stores located at 333 South Ridge Road and 2626 North Maize Road in Wichita. Residents visiting the booths entered prize giveaways for a free HVAC System provided by Comfort Products and two free Home Energy Audits offered by SCKEDD. Participants also received free compact fluorescent light bulbs, low-flow showerheads and programmable thermostats donated by Lowe’s, plus energy efficiency brochures provided by Westar Energy.

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SCKEDD is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing healthy, safe affordable housing for all Kansans which assists individuals, companies and government agencies with community improvement, housing, and other urgent needs. 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 2010, 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.

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.

