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Weatherization Program Gets a Boost Community to Benefit

Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area is pleased to announce the recent stimulus funding provided by the government to help alleviate our current economic crisis. In early June, the agency received \$18,119,622 in stimulus funding to boost our weatherization efforts in our communities.

Weatherization Programs are very beneficial and can stimulate the economy in the following ways:

1. Agencies hire weatherization workers or contract with other businesses, thus creating jobs.
2. Weatherization programs buy vehicles, insulation supplies, furnaces, water heaters and other equipment, keeping company employees that manufacture and sell the equipment working.
3. A weatherized home will reduce utility costs by about 30 percent, saving the average homeowner \$400 to \$450 per year in energy costs. This gives more money to low-income families, and reduces the cost of heating assistance programs paid for by taxpayers.
4. Weatherization reduces a home's energy needs and makes the fossil fuel combustion devices in the homes more efficient, which reduces electricity demand. This reduces the carbon dioxide emissions of our homes, most of which come from heating and cooling.

In addition to the economic benefits, the stimulus will allow us to weatherize more homes and provide additional services. Federal income guidelines for this funding have been increased to 200% and the households may be eligible to received up to \$6,500 in services on their home.

The agency recognizes that this is a great opportunity to enhance the communities which we serve, but that it also comes with high expectations of great leadership, planning and responsibility. We have been working with Montgomery County's Job Center to screen and process applications to hire more crews, and have increased training efforts internally.

"Though expanding the Weatherization Program is a big challenge for us, it's also an opportunity to extend the benefits for even more homes, and we are grateful for that", said Tim Donnellan, President and CEO of Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area.

For more information, please call (937) 341-5000, and press option two (2).

Do You Have One?

Community Action Partnership is celebrating 45 Years of Helping People, Changing Lives this year!

To receive a copy of our 2008 Annual Report or our Agency Historical Poster, please contact
(937) 341-5000, ext. 146
or communicate@cap-dayton.org.

Summer Crisis Program ... What You Should Know

Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area will begin administering the HEAP Summer Crisis Program for the 2009 season on July 1, 2009. The program will run through August 31, 2009, or until all funds have been depleted.

As in recent years, there have been some changes to the program. We want to ensure our customers and service partners are fully aware of information regarding the Summer Crisis Program. Below are some frequently asked questions about the program, as well as updates and changes for this year.

? What is the Summer Crisis Program ?

The Summer Crisis Program is an emergency electric utility assistance program that is available to provide assistance with summer cooling bills.

? Who qualifies for the program, and what can eligible households receive ?

An income eligible household with a member who has an illness that would benefit from assistance, verified by physician documentation, or with a member who is sixty (60) or older - no physician documentation needed - is qualified to receive the following (not to exceed \$175 total):

- ✳ ONE air conditioner, provided that the household has not received an air conditioner from HEAP in the last three years and/or fans;
- ✳ and/or ONE payment for the electric bill, up to the client's percentage of income payment plan (PIPP) amount or the current bill, whichever is greater. A disconnect notice is not required;
- ✳ assistance providing an air conditioner, fan and/or electric bill must take place at the same time; and,
- ✳ residents with a tenant-based HUD section 8 housing subsidy are eligible if the electric bill is in their name.

**** Income eligible customers fall at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty guidelines (a family of four would be \$38,587.50 annually).**

? How do eligible customers make an appointment ?

Customers are encouraged to schedule an appointment in all of our offices. In Darke County, please call (937) 548-8143. Greene County customers should call (937) 376-7747 or (937) 427-3377. Montgomery County customers must schedule appointments through our automated appointment line beginning June 29. The number is 1-866-504-7379. Customers in Preble County should contact (937) 456-2800 for assistance.

Please note Montgomery County's appointment line opens up each day at 6 a.m. and schedules for two weeks at a time. When allotted slots are full, the line will no longer accept appointments.

? What if a customer is unable to make an appointment ?

The Summer Crisis Program is also available on a walk-in basis in each county. Our goal is to serve as many walk-ins as possible, while still acknowledging our scheduled appointments in a timely manner. Walk-ins are not guaranteed. Please note: Walk-ins are accepted in Montgomery County at 7 a.m. at the Main Street location ONLY.

Senior Citizens Day a Hit!

Community Action Partnership of Darke County celebrated its 35th Annual Community Action Senior Citizens Day Luncheon on May 12 in conjunction with Older Americans Month honoring area senior citizens. Over 200 seniors attended this year's Oriental themed event at the Greenville Moose Lodge, with opening remarks given by Janey Christman, Darke County Director and Tim Donnellan, President and CEO of Community Action Partnership of the Greater Dayton Area.

Christman spoke about the many benefits that the organization offers to help seniors and others throughout the area, and reiterated the need for continued assistance. She also introduced Carole Rhodus, the agency's newly hired Senior Programs Coordinator. Mr. Donnellan praised the Darke County CAP staff, expressing appreciation for their continued efforts to help those in need.



Flo Greenhoff, 99, hugs staff member Brandi Thompson



Delbert and Bessie Barga have been married for 72 years!

In addition to welcoming remarks, guests enjoyed a great meal and outstanding entertainment provided by the Taiko Drummers from Mississinawa Valley School. Recognition was given to some guests in attendance, including this year's oldest person in attendance, Flo Greenhoff at 99, and the longest married couple present, Delbert and Bessie Barga with 72 years of marriage.

Community Action Partnership Names Senior Citizen of the Year

Community Action Partnership of Darke County recently announced Ann Bohler as the 2009 Darke County Senior Citizen of the Year. Bohler has volunteered through HandsOn West Central Ohio in Greenville since June 2008.



Congratulations to Ann Bohler (right), Darke County Senior Citizen of the Year

Ms. Bohler is a retired secretary. She has demonstrated a true commitment of volunteering despite physical disability and loss of short-term memory following a devastating brain aneurysm. After five weeks in a coma and two months of intensive rehabilitation, Bohler shared her story with Sherry Baker, Coordinator for HandsOn West Central Ohio Volunteers, Darke County. During her interview, she stated "I am ready to live again."

With the aid of reminder phone calls for the Volunteer Coordinator approximately two hours before she is scheduled to volunteer and assistance from public transportation, Bohler has shared her professional expertise and a lifetime of secretarial skills with four organizations in Greenville in just seven months. Her most recent new volunteer opportunity is at the Brethren Retirement Community (the same rehabilitation site she once received therapy from), as she transports patients to therapy sessions. She offers a friendly face and encourages patients on days they need it most.

Greene County gets Back to the Basics!



Guests enjoy a picture perfect day at Shawnee Park.

The Greene County office hosted its Community Action Day event, "Getting Back to Basics," in the Shawnee Park Pavilion in Xenia. Guests from around the community enjoyed picture perfect weather, as well as a lunch of fried chicken and all the fixings.

The idea was to eliminate many of the frills, bells and whistles of life, and to return the basics of living. In light of the economy, the agency felt this message was very timely and key.

Games for the day included a cakewalk, volleyball and prize basket raffles. Several area services and agencies had information tables at the event.

Many visitors also took advantage of a free clothing giveaway to pick up much-needed items for themselves and their families.

Greene County staff surprised Director Gale Hutchinson by presenting her an award recognizing her leadership and positive attitude.

"She's very instrumental in the success of Community Action in Greene County," said Mike Brakeall in presenting the award to Ms. Hutchinson. Ms. Hutchinson was pleased and returned the compliment, sharing that, "A positive attitude is what it's all about and I have a staff that presents that every day to the community."

Harding Place Supports the United Way Day of Action

Community Action Partnership's Harding Place Transitional Housing Program partnered with the United Way of Greater Dayton to volunteer during their Annual Day of Action (formerly Day of Caring). Four Harding Place participants joined with agency staff and volunteers at the Xenia Adult Recreation & Service Center (XARSC) June 6, 2009 for a day of service.

Volunteers provided landscaping services, including mowing the lawn, pouring mulch and planting shrubs. "It was important that our Harding Place participants volunteer for a number of reasons," stated Gale Hutchinson, Greene County Director. "Doing so provided a skill-building opportunity, but more importantly the opportunity to give of themselves without the expectation of getting something back."

"In addition, as a United Way partner, we receive funding for the bedding at Harding Place, so we are always happy to support any efforts to serve the community," she continued. United Way expressed appreciation for the efforts of all of the volunteers that contributed that day.



Pictured to the right: Virginia Bailey, (front left; volunteer at XARSC) and Tammy Storer (front right) four Harding Place participants and two staff (Judy White and Mike Brakeall).

Second Annual Blue Moon Affair a Great Success!

More than 200 guests enjoyed an evening of entertainment and empowerment at the agency's Second Annual Blue Moon Affair, held May 15, 2009 at the Benjamin and Marian Schuster Performing Arts Center in Dayton. The event was held to benefit our agency's Youth Empowerment Center.

Attendees enjoyed a full evening, including a free cocktail hour, dinner, live entertainment from Dayton's own Premium Blend Music and special presentations from Youth Empowerment Center participants. The highlight of the evening was a memorable performance by actor, writer, composer and singer Daniel Beaty, who shared "Pain into Power" with guests. Beaty carried guests on a journey through his own experiences growing up in Dayton, Ohio and now in New York. He challenged encouraged to turn their own experiences into empowering opportunities for growth. He also charged everyone to "reconnect" with and for our youth.

We would like to extend appreciation to everyone who supported the Blue Moon Affair. A special thanks goes to our sponsors (noted on the back of the newsletter). We thank all of you and look forward to continued growth and memories next year! Check out a few of the memories created this year below!



Agency Hosts Open House

Community Action Day in Preble County was celebrated during an open house celebration. The event was held on Friday, May 22, 2009 at our temporary offices, located at 111 W. Somers Street, Eaton, OH 45320.

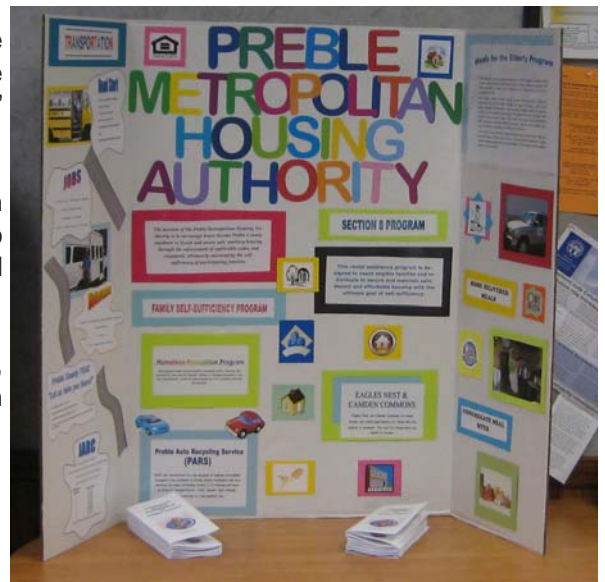
Staff, guests from the general public and government officials, business owners, and other countywide agency staff were in attendance at the event. Guests toured the building and reviewed information on all of our programs through display boards that decorated the office. Staff members were available at each board to greet guests and answer any questions they may have had about the specific program.

Appetizers were offered compliments of Carmela's Pizzeria which included chicken salad croissants, meatballs, mushrooms, chicken chunks, and brownies. The agency also raffled door prizes at the event. Special thanks to area businesses, including Your Flower Shop, Bob Evans, Subway, Arby's, Pizza Hut, Wal-Mart and Jell's Sports Grille for contributing door prizes!

"It was nice to open our doors to welcome the community into our home and to provide information about the ways we can service them," stated Rita Daily, Preble County Director.

Community Action Partnership's doors are open Monday through Friday, and staff remain eager to assist as they did when the November fire forced an unplanned move to the new location.

We commend the staff for never missing a beat, and continuing to display the Community Action Spirit!



A colorful display offers information to guests

HEAD START ENROLLMENT GROWING

Head Start Enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year continues for both the Eaton and Camden Head Start Centers. Currently 123 families have already been enrolled for the coming year!

We are hoping to receive expansion dollars to meet the growing need for Head Start in our community. We recognize the benefit that giving your child a head start can have for years to come. However, this is a work in progress. Funding is still the same, so don't wait, enroll today! Contact Community Action Partnership at (937) 456-2800 to make an appointment to fill out an application.

**Twelve months of income is considered. However, Head Start will also assess your current family need. If there have been any extreme life changes, such as job loss, pay cuts, etc., that could make you immediately eligible, please still apply!

\$\$ Money Talk \$\$

Don't Fall Prey to Foreclosure Scams

With so many people facing the threat of home foreclosure, fraud artists everywhere are trying to take advantage of worried homeowners. Using public records to find foreclosure notices, these companies then contact homeowners directly. They offer to negotiate with the lender in order to save the house. The catch is they ask for a fee first. Once the fee is paid, the fraud artist is gone and the home still faces foreclosure.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) has come up with a series of red flags that customers should watch for when they are seeking foreclosure prevention help. A few of them are listed here:

- ♦ Guarantees to stop the foreclosure process, no matter what your circumstances;
- ♦ Instructs you not to contact your lender, lawyer, or credit or housing counselor;
- ♦ Collects a fee before providing you with any services and accepts payment only by cashier's check or wire transfer;
- ♦ Encourages you to lease your home so you can buy it back over time;
- ♦ Tells you to make your mortgage payments directly to them, rather than to your lender;
- ♦ Tells you to transfer your property deed or title to them;
- ♦ Offers to fill out paperwork for you;
- ♦ Pressures you to sign paperwork you haven't had a chance to read thoroughly or that you don't understand.

There's more information available at the FTC's "Facts for Consumers" web site. Customers should contact their lender immediately if they are having trouble paying their mortgage or receive a foreclosure notice. The next step is contacting our Certified Housing Department by calling (937) 341-5000 ext. 176.

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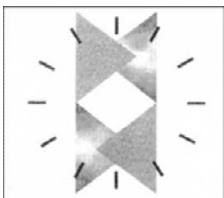


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