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NATIONAL WEATHERIZATION DAY BRINGS CELEBRATION TO THOUSANDS OF HOUSEHOLDS HELP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA SERVED

Las Vegas, Nevada (October, 2010) – HELP of Southern Nevada celebrates National Weatherization Day and reviews a year of great success. For Fiscal 2009-10 HELP of Southern Nevada’s goal utilizing the *American Recovery and Reinvestment Act* of 2009 Stimulus Grant was to weatherize 1,222 homes. The final total of households receiving services was 2,965. A total of 5,842 individuals were assisted. The goal of the Weatherization Program is to reduce utility consumption thus saving money on the bill.

Additionally, another aspect of the stimulus funding was getting people back to work. HELP and its eight contractors added 137 additional staff and field technicians. In addition other funding sources provided service to 753 additional homes and 1,684 individuals. HELP’s program is administered by the State of Nevada’s Housing Division. The goal of saving energy is reflected in how much was saved. Reduced electric consumption by 10,087,000 KWh and 340,000 therms of gas. The average household saw their utility bills reduced by almost 31%. The stated grant goal was to achieve a 20% savings.

The types of measures that are installed include testing for air leaks and combustion appliance testing which reveals where we can save energy. Weather stripping and caulking, low flow shower heads to save water and the energy to heat it, solar screens, compact florescent bulbs, attic insulation, air conditioners and furnaces, water heaters, CO detectors, refrigerator replacement and water heater blankets. Mobile homes may receive insulating and reflective roof coatings.

Qualifying to receive service is income based. To obtain an application or for more information please call 702-795-0575, Monday – Thursday – 7:00am to 5:00pm.

About HELP of Southern Nevada

HELP of Southern Nevada assists over 68,000 low-income families and individuals to become more self-sufficient through direct services, trainings and referrals. Programs available; social services, weatherization, community alternative sentencing, work opportunities readiness center, holiday assistance, Nevada 2-1-1 call center, and homeless and youth services. For more information, call HELP of Southern Nevada at 702-369-4357 or visit www.helpsonv.org.

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