



Neighbor for Neighbor Heat Funds Now Open

(January 17, 2007) Williamsville, N.Y.: The Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and National Fuel are pleased to announce that the western New York Neighbor for Neighbor Heat Fund opened on January 8. The Pennsylvania-area Neighbor for Neighbor Heat Fund is also open and accepting applications.

The Neighbor for Neighbor heat fund is a first-come, first-served home-heating assistance grant program offered in both western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania.

The fund was established by National Fuel in 1983 to help the elderly and disabled pay for energy-related expenses, and, since that time, has administered grants totaling nearly \$6 million collectively for NY and Pa.

Eligibility requirements to receive assistance from each division of the Fund are as follows:

Eligibility Requirements for western New York-area residents:

Eligible families or individuals in need of payment assistance are encouraged to contact their local Salvation Army and Catholic Charities agencies, which process and approve applications, to determine the necessary documentation to bring to the application interview.

Neighbor for Neighbor grant amounts can be up to \$300 (for those with National Fuel accounts) and are determined by need. Individuals may qualify for assistance under these circumstances:

Applicant is at least 60 years old

Applicant, or a household member, has a handicap, disability, or medical hardship
Applicant lives in National Fuel's service territory and has a heating account (even if they are not a National Fuel customer)

Applicant sought help from the federally-funded Home Energy Assistance Program (even if they did not qualify for assistance)

All applicants must provide proof of their income and expenses and should be prepared to provide the following information to the Salvation Army or Catholic Charities during the application interview:

Proof of household income

Proof of disability or medical hardship

Proof of expenses with recent paid receipts (past 30 days)

Rent or Mortgage

Utilities (gas, electric, water/sewer, telephone, cable)

Loan payments (credit cards, auto, etc.)

Insurance payments (medical, life, home, auto, etc.)

Transportation

Clothing

Medical expenses



Eligibility Requirements for northwestern Pennsylvania-area residents:

Eligible families or individuals in need of payment assistance are encouraged to contact the local agency (listed below) nearest to them, as applications and the screening of applicants are handled by designated service organizations in each county.

Neighbor for Neighbor grant amounts can be up to \$300 (for those with National Fuel accounts) and up to \$150 (for those without National Fuel accounts). Grant amounts are determined by need.

Individuals may qualify for assistance under these circumstances:

Applicant is at least 55 years old

Applicant, or a household member, is disabled or on handicapped income, or is able to demonstrate a certified medical emergency

Applicant lives in National Fuel's service territory and has a heating account (even if they are not a National Fuel customer)

Applicant exhausted options for help from all federally-funded energy assistance programs (even if they did not qualify for assistance)

The following information indicates the corresponding service organization for each county listed:

Clarion County

Community Action, Inc.
22 South Second Avenue
Clarion, PA 16241
(814) 226-4785
Toll Free 1-800-997-7661

Erie County

Greater Erie Community Action Committee
18 West Ninth Street
Erie, PA 16501
(814) 459-4581
Toll Free 1-800-796-2436

Butler and Armstrong Counties

Butler Salvation Army
313 West Cunningham Street
Butler, PA 16001
(724) 287-5532

McKean County

Salvation Army
21 Kennedy Street - Post Office Box 314
Bradford, PA 16701
(814) 368-7012

Clearfield and Jefferson Counties

Central Pennsylvania Community
Action, Inc. (CPCA)
DuBois Family Service Center
101 South Jared Street
DuBois, PA 15801
(814) 371-2252
Toll Free 1-800-822-2610

Mercer County

Community Action Partnership of
Mercer County
75 South Dock Street
Sharon, PA 16146
(724) 342-6222
Toll Free 1-888-508-5216

CPCA-Clearfield

207 East Cherry Street
Clearfield, PA 16830
(814) 765-1551
Toll Free 1-800-822-2610

Venango County

American Red Cross
Allegheny Region
1643 Allegheny Boulevard
Post Office Box 370
Reno, PA 16343
(814) 677-2024



Crawford County

Eastern Crawford County

Associated Charities
409 East Central Avenue
Titusville, PA 16354
(814) 827-6613

Western Crawford County

Center for Family Services
213 Center Street
Meadville, PA 16335
(814) 337-8450

Elk and Cameron Counties

Northern Tier Community Action
Post Office Box 389
Emporium, PA 15834
(814) 486-1161

Warren and Forest Counties

Warren/Forest Counties Economic
Opportunity Council (EOC)
1209 Pennsylvania Avenue West
Post Office Box 547
Warren, PA 16365
(814) 726-2400
Toll Free 1-800-231-1797

The Neighbor for Neighbor Heat Fund, in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania, is funded with generous contributions from National Fuel customers and employees, private entities, and National Fuel's shareholders. Additional information about the Fund is available by calling National Fuel at 1 (800) 365-3234 or by visiting www.nationalfuelgas.com.

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