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## **Local agency celebrates National Weatherization Day** *Stimulus funds boost weatherization efforts across the nation*

(Cinnati, OH) - The US Department of Energy has declared Friday, October 30, 2009 as National Weatherization Day. Cities all across the country will be celebrating the benefits home weatherization brings. For Ohioans, October has also been declared Weatherization Month by Governor Strickland. Locally, the Community Action Agency's Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) will be demonstrating how weatherization techniques help families and help communities.

The Weatherization Day demonstration will take place at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Mr. Robert Carr, 1270 Schumard Ave. in Lincoln Heights. Mr. Carr is one of thousands of Hamilton County residents who cannot afford their utility bills and cannot afford to make minor home improvements which would increase energy efficiency and lower utility bills. He is one of the almost 1,400 individuals and families who will receive this free service over the next two years through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds.

State Representatives Denise Driehaus and Dale Mallory will be in attendance, in addition to representatives from the offices of US Senator Sherrod Brown, US Senator George Voinovich, and US Representative Steve Driehaus. Numerous other individuals from local nonprofits and local businesses will also be in attendance.

Home weatherization helps families afford their bills as they struggle financially during these difficult economic times. In addition, by making homes more efficient, home weatherization reduces energy consumption and harmful emissions. Finally, almost every family in our community can benefit from learning and applying these home weatherization techniques.

CAA will receive \$11.4 million in ARRA funds to weatherize 1,375 Hamilton County homes from July 2009 – March 2011. By increasing the income eligibility to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, ARRA funds will allow CAA to provide home weatherization to families who truly need this service, but did not previously qualify. Expanding the HWAP program will stimulate the economy by creating 22 new job opportunities at CAA, significantly increasing the amount expended at local businesses for materials, and allowing contracted businesses to retain current employees/hire additional employees.

Hamilton County residents who would like more information on CAA's Home Weatherization Assistance Program or who are interested in applying for this free service may call 513.569.1840.

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