

MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

COUNTY CORP & VECTREN JOIN FORCES

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Realizing the hardship created by rising heating bills, Vectren announced the donation of \$25,000 to COUNTY CORP, the non-profit development arm of Montgomery County. COUNTY CORP will use the funds to weatherize the homes of at least 25 low-income families.

The funds will be combined with other programs operated by COUNTY CORP; such as Emergency Assistance, Housing Rehabilitation, Accessibility Loans, and Lease Purchase. The Weatherization Program will impact those most in need: the elderly, the disabled, and the very young.

“We know from experience that weatherizing a home will significantly reduce the gas usage, which, in turn, reduces cost to the consumer,” said Marlene Flagel, President of COUNTY CORP. Adding weather stripping and insulation, installing energy efficient furnaces and hot water heaters, and providing programmable thermostats can add to the energy efficiency of a home. Each house is inventoried to determine its individual needs.

“This program has been a real success so far,” stated Doug Petitt, President of Vectren of Ohio. He went on to say, “We welcomed the opportunity to partner with COUNTY CORP. They have an outstanding history of assisting in the provision of affordable housing for lower-income households. Given the extraordinary circumstances some of our customers face as a result of winter, it makes great sense to us to support COUNTY CORP’S programs.”

Working in collaboration, the goals of both COUNTY CORP and Vectren can be accomplished for the good of the region’s residents.

For more information on the Weatherization Program, call COUNTY CORP at 225-6328.