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To Whom it May Concern:

Community Action of Greene County, now serving our community for 50 years, is the designated anti poverty agency for our community. We offer a number of services and programs to help families and individuals of limited means obtain or maintain self-sufficiency. Our current program areas include domestic violence services, emergency food pantry, housing and homelessness assistance, volunteer income tax assistance, and the Weatherization Assistance Program.

October is national Weatherization month, and we are reaching out to town supervisors and clerks to help us spread the word! We know, as you do, that much of the housing stock in our communities is old and could use some assistance in the area of weatherization. Please make the enclosed materials available to your constituents, and feel free to reach out to me directly, or Jamie Linzey, Weatherization Director, for any questions you may have.

Thank you,

**Florence Ohle
Executive Director**

About the Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program assists income-eligible families and individuals by reducing their heating and cooling costs and addressing health and safety issues in their homes through energy-efficiency measures. Weatherization services reduce the amount of energy required to heat and cool homes and provide hot water, thus reducing energy consumption, while minimizing the impact of higher fuel costs on low-income families. Household energy-use reductions and resultant energy cost savings are significant, with an average annual savings in excess of 20%.

WAP providers conduct an assessment, or “energy audit,” of the residence to identify specific measures to increase energy efficiency. Based on the results of the energy audit, services **may** include, but are not limited to, sealing cracks and holes to reduce air infiltration; insulation of attics and walls; heating system repairs or replacement; hot water tank and pipe insulation; installation of energy-efficient lighting and refrigerators; window and outside door repair or replacement; minor repairs to ensure that the installed weatherization materials will perform correctly; and mitigation of energy-related health and safety issues, including indoor air quality improvements, correction of ventilation problems that can lead to mold growth, and identification of lead paint hazards.

Income Eligibility

Households with incomes at or below 60% of state median income are eligible for assistance. Program services are available to both homeowners and renters, with priority given to senior citizens, families with children, and persons with disabilities. If a household contains a member who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Public Assistance, Food Stamps, or Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits, the household is automatically eligible for WAP services. Applications are accepted from renters, homeowners, and rental property owners. Both single-family and multi-family buildings are assisted. Individual households can apply by contacting Community Action of Greene County, Inc. at 518 943 9205.

Available Funding

The New York State Weatherization Assistance Program is the largest residential energy conservation program in the country. The program receives funding from the U.S. Departments of Energy and Health and Human Services. WAP program is available in Greene County New York.