

Brother Knights,

As many of you are aware, the idea of handyman home assistance was recently discussed both in email and the general meeting last month and there are real concerns to be overcome with the idea.

By coincidence, last Sunday's bulletin had an announcement that "Stay Warm NH" was looking for volunteers to winterize the homes of elderly, disabled, low income, and families with young children.

We have looked into volunteering for this worthy service and the call is going out via this email for those of you DIY'ers who feel you have the skills and desire to assist in basic weatherization of at least 8 homes.

I know of 3 people already willing to work this.

Three man crews are required with one member acting as crew chief. (someone has to do the paperwork too!)

If we can get two or three crews assembled we could make a big difference to many households this winter.

Please take a look at the attached files and get back to me if you are interested in working this or know someone who is.

Please indicate to me what role if any you would like play in this. (indian or chief)

Chiefs get training.

Anyone wishing to "jump in" now can volunteer at www.staywarmnh.org .

You can also make a note on the registration if you wish to work with a particular volunteer.

We can use this to create our own crews and work together, possibly with other service minded parishioners who are not Knights.

The dates specified in the attached files are a bit too soon and/or conflict with our tree sale setup but the 29th, Saturday after Thanksgiving, COULD be a possibility to show how thankful we really are for our blessings.

If this strikes you as something you would like to be a part of, email me.

Vivat Jesus
Jean Desrosiers
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STAY WARM

Volunteers Needed

Stay Warm NH is an initiative of Governor Lynch to increase available weatherization services to thousands of low-income New Hampshire homes.

Stay Warm NH is coordinated by the Office of Energy and Planning, the Department of Health and Human Services, and the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, and is supported by dozens of public and private agencies and companies throughout the state. For more information, visit www.staywarmNH.org.



Stay Warm NH is organizing three-person teams from major employers, small businesses, non-profit organizations, and community agencies to undertake basic winterizing measures in the homes of low income elderly, disabled and households with young children. Training and materials will be provided to teams in time for volunteer days scheduled for **Saturdays November 15 and 22, 2008**. More dates will be added if there are sufficient volunteers. To learn more or to sign up, visit www.staywarmNH.org.

Team Leaders:

- Should be fairly handy and be able to bring their own basic tools.
- Will supervise and participate in very basic winterizing activities in the homes they are assigned to.
- Will identify potential problems and report back to the Community Action Agencies (CAAs) for potential follow up.
- Can recruit their own team members or have them assigned.

Other Team Members:

- Need willingness to work hard. The ability to lift and move heavy objects like air conditioners or furniture is a plus.
- Be upbeat and able to talk with residents about energy-wise changes like turning down thermostats and keeping windows closed.
- Will help install plastic wrap, door sweeps and the like.



If you are interested in volunteering please sign up at www.staywarmNH.org

WINTERIZATION PROJECT CREW LEADER

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

Scope of Service: Provide management and supervisory support for eight low-income homes to be serviced.

Management: Provide winterization services to multiple homes based on a specific list of possible activities, prioritizing activities, giving direction and instruction to volunteers, identifying potential health and safety concerns, providing basic information about energy conservation in the home to the resident and reporting to both the resident and StayWarmNH the services that have been provided.

Supervisory: Oversee approximately 2 volunteers and the activities they will provide to meet the weatherization needs in the home. Complete a checklist of work completed, as well as a list of possible needs that should be given future attention.

Skills/Experience: Experience with basic winterization skills including the following:

- taking AC's out
- caulking
- putting mastic sealant on the heating ducts
- moving furniture
- air sealing windows, doors
- insulating attic doors
- plastic over the windows
- installing low flow aerators

Understanding of basic home winterization practices.

Time Management.

Supervisory experience.

Other: Ability to transport materials and tools. Availability for 1 hour of training previous to workdays.(could be a weekend or evening if more convenient) as well as 1-2 days (weekends or evenings are okay) during November.