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### **FREE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFYING HOUSEHOLDS**

**WAKE FOREST, NC – October 12, 2009** – The Town of Wake Forest is partnering with Resources for Seniors to raise awareness of the Wake County Weatherization Assistance Program. The initiative provides free home energy audits, adjustments, and repairs for those who qualify.

Administered by Resources for Seniors, the program targets families with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level guidelines, households receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits. Services are provided free of charge to eligible households.

People of any age may apply, but elderly or disabled people, and families with children receive priority. Individuals who rent their homes are also eligible as long as their landlord is willing to participate.

Typical weatherization services provided as part of the program include:

- Sealing air leaks
- Installing insulation in attics, walls, and floors
- Sealing and insulating ducts
- Installing a smart thermostat
- Replacing existing lighting with energy-efficient bulbs
- Performing tune-ups and repairs to heating and cooling systems

The average homeowner receives up to \$4,000 worth of work as a result of the audit and realizes an annual energy savings of about \$400.

For more information about the Wake County Weatherization Program, including income guidelines and weatherization applications, contact Customer Service Supervisor Drew Brown at (919) 554-6107 or visit [www.resourcesforseniors.com/weather.php](http://www.resourcesforseniors.com/weather.php).

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