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LONGS PEAK ENERGY CONSERVATION CELEBRATES COLORADO WEATHERIZATION DAY IN LONGMONT, OCTOBER 28

An Energy Efficient Home is the Best Way to Beat Rising Energy Costs

Longmont, CO, October 27, 2004 – October is Energy Awareness month and the Governor's Office of Energy Management and Conservation (OEMC) and Longs Peak Energy Conservation (LPEC) want to raise the awareness of the weatherization program that provides free energy efficiency services to income-qualified recipients. Recognizing the increase in natural gas, and the burden this brings to low-income families, LPEC, the weatherization agency for Boulder, Larimer, and Gilpin Counties, will have weatherization experts and information available to the public in Longmont on October 28.

Longs Peak Energy Conservation has a long history helping the homes of income-qualified families become safer, more comfortable and affordable. LPEC's professionally trained crews use computerized energy audits and advanced diagnostic equipment to identify energy-saving strategies in single-family, multi-family, and mobile homes. Cost-effective weatherization measures and those that are essential for health and safety are then performed, including, but not limited to, carbon monoxide testing, installation of insulation, repair and replacement of furnaces or boilers.

After weatherization, families experience an average energy use reduction of 20 percent or more. However, one in four families saves 37 percent in bills. With the rising utility bills, energy conservation programs are essential this winter.

"The best defense against rising energy prices is a weatherized and insulated house. This is a real solution to higher costs and not just a government subsidy. The money saved is spent back in groceries, clothing and food for the family," said Jeff Ackermann, program manager of Energy Saving Partners.

For the past 28 years, Weatherization has provided Colorado's neediest families with safe, warm comfortable homes through energy saving measures. Almost 90,000 homes have been weatherized in Colorado. LPEC has weatherized over 4,000 residences in Boulder County and over 5,000 in Larimer since 1975. Weatherization is funded through the US Department of Energy, Colorado Department of Human Services, and utilities such as Xcel Energy, Inc.

LEAP candidates automatically qualify for weatherization services. Families must have their home weatherized, at no cost, by E\$P, in order to continue to receive LEAP energy assistance. This ensures that the families that need help the most won't go without help.

For more information on weatherization services, contact E\$P at 1-888-HEATLINE. In Boulder, Larimer and Gilpin County contact Longs Peak Energy Conservation at (303)441-1716 or (800)200-9006.

Event Information:

When: Thursday, October 28, 9:00 am-1:30pm

Where: Social Services, Longmont Office Atrium, 529 Coffman Street, Suite 100, Longmont, Colorado

What: Celebrate Colorado Weatherization Day with refreshments, Halloween candy, and information on weatherization/rehab services provided to Boulder, Larimer and Gilpin County residents. Limited amounts of compact fluorescent light bulbs, low-flow showerheads, and pens will be given away.

Who: Open to the public

Contact Information: Call LPEC at (303)441-1716 or (800)200-9006.

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