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Low Income Energy Assistance Available Starting Dec. 1

FAYETTEVILLE – The Salvation Army will begin accepting applications on Dec. 1 for the North Carolina Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) to help qualified families with their heating costs. Citizens may apply 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Salvation Army office at 1047 Southern Ave.

The federally-funded program provides a one-time vendor payment directly to the utility company to help eligible households pay their heating bills during cold-weather months. Household income must not exceed 130 percent of the poverty level. All households must apply for LIEAP; there are no automatic approvals.

During the month of December, only households with a person age 60 and older or a disabled individual receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services can apply. These priority applications will be accepted through Dec. 31, or until funds are exhausted. All other households may apply from Jan. 1 through March 31, or until funds are exhausted.

Last year, the program provided approximately \$33 million statewide to help more than 128,000 households pay their heating bills.

The Salvation Army manages the program for the Department of Social Services and all applications must go to the Salvation Army's office at 1047 Southern Ave. For more information, contact the DSS LIEAP message line at 910-677-2821 or the Salvation Army at 910-307-0359.

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