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Low Income Energy Assistance Available For Heating Costs

FAYETTEVILLE – The Salvation Army will begin accepting applications Dec. 31 for all eligible households for the North Carolina Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). 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 could apply. Applications for all eligible households will be accepted through March 31, or until funds are exhausted.

Citizens may apply 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Salvation Army office at 1047 Southern Ave., Fayetteville. LIEAP funds help qualified families with heating costs during the winter months.

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.

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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