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Crisis Intervention Aid Available At Russell Street Salvation Army Office

FAYETTEVILLE – Residents who wish to apply for Crisis Intervention Fund assistance must go to the Salvation Army Corps and Community Center at 220 E. Russell St. The Salvation Army Center at 1047 Southern Avenue is temporarily closed due to recent flooding. Applications are accepted Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) is administered by the Cumberland County Department of Social Services and is for individuals and families experiencing, or who are in danger of experiencing, a heating or cooling-related crisis. To be eligible for funds, someone in the household must have a medical condition. Applications must be made through the Salvation Army.

The following are CIP requirements for receiving aid:

- Income – The household meets income eligibility if the total household income is equal to or less than 150 percent of the current poverty level.
- Citizenship – A household must contain a U.S. citizen or an eligible alien.
- Crisis – A household is considered in a crisis if there is a person experiencing, or in danger of experiencing, a life-threatening or health-related emergency and sufficient, timely and appropriate assistance is not available from any other source. Life-threatening is defined as a household that has no heating or cooling sources or has a disconnect notice for their primary heating service and the health or well-being of a household member would be in danger if service was terminated.

Individuals who apply for CIP must provide the following information:

- Picture identification for the head of the household.
- Social Security numbers for all household members.
- Verification of an energy-related crisis, such as a past-due bill with a disconnection notice or verification the dwelling has no heating source.
- Verification of all household income.

The CIP program will be in effect until all funds are exhausted or June 30 when the State fiscal year ends. If a household is eligible and funds are available, the household may receive more than one payment during the fiscal year. If an applicant is approved, funds are paid directly to the utility provider.

Benefits may vary based upon the amount needed to alleviate the crisis; however, benefits cannot exceed \$600 and/or the maximum allowed benefit amount per State fiscal year.

For more information, call the Salvation Army at 910-483-8119.

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