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Danville Utilities Grants \$12,000 to Danville-Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity for Weatherization Kits

July 9, 2010 – Danville, VA – Danville Utilities announced today that it has awarded Danville-Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity \$12,000 to collect weatherization materials and distribute 1000 free home weatherization kits to low-income citizens in the Danville Utilities Service Area to help reduce their home energy consumption. The announcement was made in front of the nearly-completed Habitat home construction site at 605 Burton Street in Danville.

Habitat for Humanity plans on reaching out to local retailers and suppliers to purchase the weatherization materials for the kits. The kits will include materials such as caulk, weather-stripping, foam sealant, shrink-and-seal plastic window covers and more to help make area homes more energy efficient. The weatherization kits will be available early this fall. "This grant provided us a wonderful opportunity to partner with Danville Utilities and help hard working Danville residents save energy. We hope to combine energy education and installation of these free weatherization kits to help Danville Utilities customers lower their utility bills," explains Marlin Yoder, Executive Director of Danville-Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity.

To reach as many families-in-need as possible, Habitat for Humanity and Danville Utilities will be partnering to conduct several community meetings in the fall to demonstrate to participants how to install the weatherization materials included in the kits and to educate participants on the easy changes they can make in their homes that will lower energy usage and utility bills.

Habitat also plans on working with several area service organizations to identify residents who are unable to install the weatherization materials themselves and dedicate volunteers to complete the weatherization kit installations for those in need.

Dates and times of the weatherization kit community meetings will be determined in the coming weeks and will be publicized and posted on www.danvilleutilities.com. If you are interested in volunteering with Danville-Pittsylvania County Habitat for Humanity, please call (434) 793-3630.

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