



# Weatherization Program

## Who Could Help From Your Parish?

- Those that are retired
- High school/college students during the summer months
- Carpenters, those with weatherization skill sets, etc.
- Those that work weekdays, if weatherization is done on a weekend

**Physical Requirements:** Be able to go up and down stairs

**Skill Sets Required:** For plastic window kits, no experience is necessary as training will provide all that is needed. If window inserts are desired, the ability to properly use saws and drills will be required for one volunteer and proper training and instruction will be provided to assemble inserts to all.

**Time Commitment:** Plastic window kits could be completed in one day for a home, while each window insert takes 45 minutes to complete.

**Number of Volunteers Needed:** 4-6 people for installing plastic window kits depending on the size of the house. Window inserts require at least one person to operate tools and two people per household to assemble.

## Responsibility of the Parish:

- To determine which homes should benefit from the program. To establish the program, only a few homes need be addressed in the first 6 months.
- Gather a team of volunteers. A larger group can allow for greater flexibility in timing of project and reduces the time commitments of those involved.
- Coordinate/schedule volunteers to work at each house

## Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry Connection:

- Provide tips on gathering volunteers
- Train volunteers with basic weatherization skills
- Limited resources and materials will be provided

## Benefits to Parishioners:

- An opportunity to respond to neighbor's needs
- Learn weatherization tips and skills that could be used in their own homes
- Community service hours for high school and college students

## Benefits to Parish:

- Brings parishioners together
- Reduces fuel requests as homes become more fuel efficient
- Providing service to the community and parishioners