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## SPRINGFIELD PARTNERS for Community Action

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

November 2011

Dear Neighbor and Valued Utility Customer:

### **Did you know that you qualify for FREE home weatherization services, FREE light bulbs, and resources that can save you \$350 annually in energy bills?**

**Springfield Partners for Community Action** works closely with your fuel assistance agency, Western Massachusetts Electric Company (WMECO) and Columbia Gas. We invite you to take advantage of these free programs, funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), WMECO and Columbia Gas.

**All programs are free of charge.** (For more details, please read the enclosed brochure.)

❖ *Energy Savings Program (ESP) – WMECO*

WMECO'S ESP program includes an evaluation of your electricity usage, ways to save money by conserving energy, and an appliance efficiency evaluation. Through the ESP program, Springfield Partners can also exchange your incandescent light bulbs with free energy-saving Compact Fluorescent Lamps, reducing your energy use by about 75%.

❖ *Partners in Energy Program – Columbia Gas of Massachusetts*

Partners in Energy offers energy audits and rebates on high-efficiency heating equipment. For more information, call 1-800-232-0120.

❖ *Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) – DHCD, WMECO & Springfield Partners*

The goal of WAP is to *reduce energy costs* for eligible households by safely increasing energy efficiency. Springfield Partners provides weatherization measures that include attic and wall insulation, door and window weather stripping, heating system analysis, and air infiltration sealing. WAP provides energy efficiency services to 1,000 Hampden County homes every year.

Because you utilize fuel assistance, you qualify for a reduced rate for electric and gas utilities. To apply, call WMECO at 1-800-286-2000 or Columbia Gas at 1-800-688-6160.

**To better serve you, Springfield Partners staff will call you this week to schedule an appointment, at your convenience, for weatherization services.**

**All services are free. To set up an appointment right away, call us today at 413-263-6500.**

Sincerely,

Your Neighborhood Energy Team at Springfield Partners

*P.S. Interested in other services Springfield Partners offers? Please see the reverse side...*



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*Our mission is to partner with people and the community as a whole, in a way that leads to economic stability, so that we all enjoy a better quality of life.*

## LIST OF PROGRAMS, FY2012

**New Beginnings Childcare** - Provides safe, affordable, year-round care for children 1 month to 5 years

**Telephone Reassurance** - Makes telephone calls to house-bound elderly and physically challenged

**Weatherization** - Home insulation and energy assistance to low-income, elderly & families with young children in Hampden County

**Financial Literacy Workshops** – Find out how to budget, build and maintain credit, and more

**Credit Counseling** – Confidential one-on-one counseling to those seeking to establish, improve or repair credit

**Asthma Outreach** – Our specialists meet with patients and families during follow-up home visits, to provide education and identification of in-home asthma triggers and ways to alleviate or remove them

**Community Outreach** - MassHealth and Food Stamp assistance; Provide home visits and workshops around cardiovascular disease, hypertension and diabetes in the Mason Square neighborhoods, as a member of the Healthy Communities Collaborative

**Low-Income Taxpayer Clinics** – Tax information & counseling for limited-English speaking taxpayers

**Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** – Free assistance with income tax preparation

**Individual Development Accounts (IDAs)** – Match your cash savings for homeownership, college, or business

**Youth IDAs** – Matched savings for Hampden County high school students saving for college or a business

**HUD-certified Housing Counseling** – Homebuyer education workshops and individual counseling around many housing issues

**Eviction Clinics** – Prepares tenants for hearings at Hampden County Housing Court

**Food Vouchers** – Verifies income and assists with forms necessary to qualify for local food pantries

**Alzheimer's Outreach** – Provides support and resources for clients and family/caregivers

**Scholarships** - \$1,000 to help qualified low-income students attending Massachusetts schools; applications available in March/April of each year



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