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The New Face of Poverty

“What we are experiencing at OACAC Energy Assistance is the realization that there is a new face of poverty. The new faces are those who have never experienced having to ask for help. They are our neighbors who have lost their jobs, their homes and their savings. They are people who are not able to meet their basic needs: food, medicines, gas. These are friends who never dreamed they would be without work and facing this situation. The face of low-income has changed. We are now seeing a new face of poverty.”

Tommie Trammell, OACAC LIHEAP Director

Project SHARE is a community service program administered by OACAC intended to meet the emergency needs of City Utilities’ customers by helping pay their utility costs.

City Utilities’ customers have the opportunity of contributing monthly to their utility bill payment. All money collected for this project will benefit Project SHARE recipients. Project SHARE does not replace any existing program or funding source.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS – Must first contact OACAC and apply for ENERGY ASSISTANCE before will be considered for Project SHARE.

To qualify for Project SHARE, Head of Household or spouse must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Sixty (60) years of age or older. (NO shut-off notice required.)
2. Disabled or handicapped. (Shut off notice REQUIRED.)
3. Families with children age 19 or under in the home. (Shut off notice REQUIRED.)

Project SHARE is available January 4, 2011 and ends May 31, 2011, if funds are available, for winter (electric and natural gas) heating bills. These services are only available when there are no other energy assistance programs available to help families.

Please consider helping the New Faces of Poverty! For more information regarding Project SHARE call 417-864-3460. To donate, send a check to OACAC at 215 S. Barnes Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802 and write Project SHARE in the memo line or donate online at oacac-cao.org.