



**Energy Outreach Colorado**

*Helping all Coloradans afford home energy.*

# News Release

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### Seniors Bolstered by Energy Outreach Colorado Assistance

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**DENVER** – Helen is a spirited 77-year-old Arvada senior known as “Tootsie” to her five grown children, 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Raised on a sugar beet farm outside of Sterling, she’s worked hard through marriage, child-rearing, divorce and employment. While employed as a waitress and cashier, she severely injured her back, then underwent knee surgery. Eventually she had to go on disability and retire.

Living alone on a fixed income, “I got behind on bills with all my health care costs and couldn’t come out of it,” she said. On the verge of having her home energy shut off in January, she asked Seniors’ Resource Center for help and received energy assistance funded by Energy Outreach Colorado.

Energy Outreach Colorado is the only nonprofit in Colorado that raises funds for energy assistance, providing a safety net for limited income seniors and families who face having their home energy shut-off because they can’t afford to pay their utility bill. Since 1989, Energy Outreach has raised more than \$136 million to fund energy assistance and energy efficiency upgrades for affordable housing and nonprofit facilities.

This winter more than 110,000 Colorado households have received help through EOC’s 131 partner emergency assistance agencies, including Seniors’ Resource Center, Catholic Charities, the Salvation Army and Colorado’s Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP). EOC has distributed over \$2 million in energy assistance funding so far and plans to provide at least \$7 million by the end of the heating season next summer.

To locate a nearby emergency assistance organization with energy assistance funds available, or make a donation, go to [www.EnergyOutreach.org](http://www.EnergyOutreach.org) or call toll free 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435).

## About Energy Outreach Colorado

Energy Outreach Colorado is the only independent, non-profit organization in the state that raises money to help limited income Coloradans afford home energy. Since 1989, EOC has raised more than \$136 million to fund energy bill payment assistance and energy efficiency upgrades for affordable housing. Energy Outreach relies on individual donations, corporate contributions and foundation grants. It has received top ratings from Charity Navigator for nine consecutive years and is an accredited charity member of the Better Business Bureau. Energy Outreach Colorado, [www.EnergyOutreach.org](http://www.EnergyOutreach.org), can be reached at 303-825-8750 or at 225 E. 16<sup>th</sup> Ave., Ste. 200, Denver, CO 80203-1612.

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