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Greeley Affordable Housing Community Getting \$346,900 Energy Make-Over

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DENVER – A Greeley affordable housing community with 163 family units is one of 11 projects approved for free energy efficiency upgrades valued at through a Colorado Governor’s Energy Office (GEO) program administered by Energy Outreach Colorado.

Birchwood Manor, originally built in 1974, is receiving \$346,900 worth of upgrades including insulation, new heating and domestic hot water system, exterior lighting replacement, and low flow fixture installation. Installations will be completed by the end of May.

Energy Outreach Colorado, a nonprofit that raises funds for energy assistance and energy efficiency improvements for affordable housing and nonprofits, was selected by GEO to manage the program, which is funded through the U.S. Department of Energy and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“This project, like all of EOC’s programs, is focused on lowering utility bills while increasing the health and safety of these homes,” said Pam Packer, EOC director of long-term energy solutions.

Nicole Stauts, Birchwood Manor facility manager, said the project allows them to make essential upgrades to meet today’s energy conservation standards. “We have enjoyed working with the Energy Outreach staff and gaining the knowledge they shared in guiding us through each step of the weatherization program,” she said. “We appreciate this opportunity to give our elderly residents a better and more energy efficient place to live.”

The other 10 properties included in this year’s Multifamily Weatherization Program are:

- Pines, Lakewood, 204 units
- Monterey Foundation & Co West, Grand Junction, 186 units
- Maltese Cross Manor, Denver, 158 units
- Orchard Glen, Denver, 114 units
- Sunset, Craig, 88 units

- Corona Residence, Denver, 54 units
- 17th Avenue REDI (REDI CORP owns this property), Denver, 36 units
- Grand Living, Granby, 24 units
- Rowan Gardens, Denver, 17 units
- Jefferson Apartments, Edgewater, 11 units

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 \$139 million to fund energy bill payment assistance and energy efficiency upgrades for affordable housing and nonprofit facilities. Energy Outreach Colorado relies on private donations, corporate contributions and foundation grants. It has received top ratings from Charity Navigator and is an accredited charity member of the Better Business Bureau. Energy Outreach Colorado, www.EnergyOutreach.org, can be reached at 303-825-8750 or at 225 E. 16th Ave. Ste. 200, Denver, CO 80203-1612.

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