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Energy Outreach Providing Assistance Funds for Energy Bills

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DENVER – As Coloradans enjoy the last sizzling weeks of summer, Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC) is providing an additional \$1 million this week to emergency assistance sites across the state to help struggling families keep up with energy bills so as to remain safe in their homes.

“Hot summer temperatures can be life-threatening for seniors, families with young children and people with special needs who may not be able to keep up with their energy bills or escape the heat by going to an air-conditioned shopping mall or swimming pool,” said Skip Arnold, executive director for Energy Outreach, a statewide non-profit agency that raises money for low-income energy assistance.

“It is also helpful for concerned citizens to check on elderly relatives, friends, neighbors or others who may have difficulty escaping the heat,” he added.

EOC is distributing the additional funding to 131 assistance organizations at a point when most of them have run out of energy assistance funds after helping low-income households catch up from the previous heating season. In total, Energy Outreach is contributing a record \$10 million in energy assistance this year, as well as millions in dollars in grants to increase the energy efficiency of affordable housing and nonprofit facilities.

To support Energy Outreach Colorado’s mission of helping all Coloradans afford home energy, or to apply for assistance, call toll-free 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) or go to www.EnergyOutreach.org.

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 nearly \$149 million to fund energy bill payment assistance, energy efficiency upgrades for affordable housing and nonprofit facilities, and energy education. Energy Outreach Colorado relies on private 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, can be reached at 303-825-8750 or at 225 E. 16th Ave. Ste. 200, Denver, CO 80203-1612.

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