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Affordable Housing program planning volunteer repair projects for spring, summer



For nearly 20 years, ADFAC's annual "Repair Fair" has helped hundreds of low-income homeowners receive much-needed assistance with home repairs.

In the past, the Repair Fair typically has been held over 1-2 weeks in the summer, but thanks to the efforts of AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Grady, the 2010 Repair Fair will span the spring and summer seasons. Using local volunteer groups, minor home repairs will be completed primarily on Saturdays in the coming months.

The Affordable Housing Program has been maintaining a waiting list and encouraging new applications for this purpose. Four volunteer

projects have already been completed in 2010 and several projects are lined up. A variety of repairs will

be completed, including home weatherization, painting, yardwork and access ramps. Special efforts will be made to make homes more energy efficient, thereby helping homeowners cut down on utilities bills.

Grants and donations will be used to offer the repairs free of charge to the families, a true blessing for those that do not have the financial or physical ability to complete repairs on their own.

encouraged; larger groups are also welcome. If your church, business or club would like to participate in the 2010 Repair Fair, please contact Sarah Grady at (865) 481-3837 ext. 111 or adfacsarah@gmail.com for more information.

If your group would like to support the Repair Fair but is unable to provide volunteer hours, making a donation to help purchase building supplies is an excellent way to help. Please note "Repair Fair" in the memo line of your check and mail your donation to:

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We look forward to sharing Repair Fair stories in upcoming newsletters. Thank you for your support!



Thanks to this group of dedicated volunteers, a low-income homeowner got a new access ramp!

ADFAC is currently seeking additional volunteer groups to complete future repairs. Small groups of 4-6 are

Membership Drive coming later this month

Watch your mailboxes in late March for details about ADFAC's 2010 Membership Drive. Last year, nearly 250 individuals, families and organizations became Members of ADFAC.

If you do not receive a Membership packet but would like more information about becoming a Member of ADFAC, please contact Jamie Olson at adfacjamie@bellsouth.net or (865) 425-0256 ext. 108.

We appreciate your support and sincerely hope that you will join us again as we work to help our less fortunate neighbors.

Additional 2009 Membership Donors recognized

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If we have omitted or misspelled your name, please let us know!

Donations made to the 2010 Membership drive will be listed beginning in the Summer edition of ADFACts.



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ADFAC welcomes new Executive Director, Special Programs Coordinator

2010 is off to an exciting start for ADFAC. At the January Board Meeting, Annie Cacheiro was elected to serve as ADFAC's Executive Director. Annie, who has extensive experience in the local nonprofit community, first joined ADFAC's staff last spring as the Special Programs Coordinator.

as a state employee with the Department of Human Services, working her way up to District 1 Director of Social Services (a 23-county area including Anderson County).

In 1997, Doris returned to Anderson County as the DHS Area Manager and continued to work until her retirement in August, 2008.

Doris is married to Randy Gann and is the mother of three grown children: Taylor (with wife, Cora), Spencer, and Hunter Ripley. She enjoys reading, gardening, collecting unusual pins, and motorcycle riding with her husband.

Doris is very active in the community, serving for years



*Doris Doherty,
Special Programs
Coordinator*

on numerous boards across the county. She has maintained contact with the staff at ADFAC for years and has always had an appreciation for the services that are offered through the agency to the community.

"When I got a call about the part-time position, even though I had not been looking for employment, I just couldn't say no," Doris said.

"Though I have just been in the office for a few weeks, I have been amazed at the level of commitment and dedication of both the social workers and the volunteers at ADFAC. How could anyone not want to be a part of such an extraordinary non-profit agency?!"

Congratulations, Annie and welcome to ADFAC, Doris!

"We are absolutely thrilled to have Annie as ADFAC's Executive Director," said Board President Sherry Livengood. "She will bring valuable experience, leadership and insights to ADFAC."



*Annie Cacheiro,
Executive Director*

Stepping into the Special Programs Coordinator position is new employee Doris Doherty. Born in Oak Ridge and an ORHS graduate, Doris received a BA degree in Human Services from UT. Shortly after graduation, Doris returned to Anderson County to begin a 33-year career

Families struggle with cold winter; ADFAC responds to needs

Needy families stay warm through utilities assistance



With several snow days and numerous days where the high temperature did not get above freezing, it's safe to say that this winter has been an especially cold one. Unfortunately, the winter weather often translates into financial hardship for low-income families.

ADFAC was able to assist, about 30% were either new to the agency or had not asked for assistance for over 3 years. ADFAC expects many more requests in the coming weeks, as families are just now receiving bills for the cold days of February.

"Average utilities bills have risen substantially for many of our clients," said Liz Herbes, Director of the Social Services program.

The high demand has depleted all of ADFAC's available resources for utilities assistance in Anderson County (outside of Oak Ridge).

"Additionally, snow days frequently lead to lost work days and loss of income for working families."

If you would like to help a local family struggling with winter heating costs, donations are still being accepted. Please note "utilities assistance" on your check and mail it to:

ADFAC's Social Services office had over 400 requests for utilities assistance in January and February and was able to help 250 of these families with \$47,685.50 in direct utilities aid. Of those

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New volunteers assist Social Services office

ADFAC is pleased to welcome three new volunteers to the Social Services office.

Last August, **Linda Wetzel** began volunteering after being approached by Social Services program director Liz Herbes. Linda's volunteer duties include working the front desk, answering phones and scheduling appointments as well as screening clients for the SAFE/ASSIST utilities program.

Ana Sauthoff first heard of ADFAC through a friend that helped with the School Supplies program. Ana began volunteering in September and assists with front desk duties; she also helps with referrals to the Ecumenical Storehouse and Lion's Club eyeglasses program.

Patti Grady first started volunteering a little over a month ago. As a sub, Patti helps fill in when other volunteers

aren't available and hopes to assist with the upcoming School Supplies program. Patti decided to get more involved with ADFAC when her daughter, Sarah Grady, began her term as an AmeriCorps volunteer in the Affordable Housing program.

These ladies join 17 other regular volunteers in the Social Services office. Welcome and thank you for your service!



Utilities costs reduced by addressing energy efficiency in homes

With high utility costs, energy standards are becoming more and more important. ADFAC's Affordable Housing program is poised to accept these challenges and has made every effort to exceed standards and help families lower their utilities bills.

City of Oak Ridge, will be applying for funds to complete homeowner occupied rehabilitation projects for 40 families in our service area. If funding is received, ADFAC will administer the grants and facilitate the work to be completed. Special attention will be made to all systems within the home that affect energy efficiency.

To help with this effort, Anderson County and The