

Our Community In Action

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2nd Annual Women's Expo in November

Green Hills Community Action Agency's Women's Health Services Program is sponsoring a fun-filled girls' day out November 12th, 2011! The 2nd Annual GHCAA Women's Expo will feature tons of great vendors! Women's Expo 2011: A Holiday Extravaganza, will take place November 12th, 2011 from 9am – 4pm at the NCMC Ketcham Center in downtown Trenton, Missouri.

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the Women's Expo! A wide range of crafters, shops, and other vendors will be on hand from 9am – 4pm in the gym offering wares ranging from soap & candles to food & mixes, handbags to make-up, and everything in between. We hope you can join us.

GHCAA is still accepting vendors interested in purchasing booth space at the event, and is also seeking businesses interested in becoming expo sponsors. Proceeds from this expo benefit GHCAA's Women's Health Services Program. There is still time to register as a vendor, but spaces are very limited at this point! If you are interested in purchasing a booth space at this event, please [download an application](#). Completed applications can be [emailed](#) or returned/mailed directly to:

GHCAA
1506 Oklahoma Ave
Trenton, MO 64683

Alternately, if your business wants to get involved, but doesn't need a booth space, consider becoming a banner sponsor! For only \$30, we will hang your company supplied banner in the Ketcham gym during the Expo! A low cost, high visibility advertising solution!

There's sure to be something for everyone at the 2011 Women's Expo! For more information, please contact Jenn at Green Hills by calling 359-3907 ext 1049.

Join us for a Holiday Extravaganza November 12th!

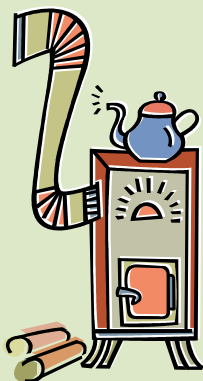
Expo Vendors

Some of our 2011 Women's Expo vendors and sponsors include:

- Farmers Apothecary
Jennifer Farmer
- Cookie Lee & Watkins
Claudia French
- Miche Bags
Leisa Miller
- Arbonne
Kim Brashear
- Scentsy
Kiera Pollard
- Healthy Me & You
Tammy Burgess



Winter Energy Assistance Under Way



If you are over age 60 or have a disability you can already begin the application process to receive help on your heating bill this winter.

All others are urged to wait until November 1st,

when funding becomes available, to contact GHCAA.

Applications may be obtained in person at the Trenton central office location, on the web at ghcaa.org, or via regular mail or fax by calling our Energy Services Department at 660-359-3907 (option #1) and requesting an application. **You do not need to make an appointment to register for services.**

We are **not** able to provide any heating assistance until your completed application and **all** required supporting documentation have been received by staff in our central office.

Please review this checklist to ensure your application is complete before submittal:

- Current, completed, signed Energy Assistance Application
- Recent copy of your primary fuel bill
- Proof of income for 1 month for any one over age 18 (*if your household receives food stamps, this documentation requirement will be waived*)
- Copies of social security cards for everyone in the household

PLEASE NOTE: Some restrictions do apply and certain income guidelines must be met before assistance will be provided. If you are not certain if you qualify for this program, and would like to learn more please contact our office.

Important Contact Information:

Phone: 660-359-3907 option #1
Direct Fax Line: 660-359-2038

Weatherization Program Still Open

The Green Hills Community Action Agency's Weatherization program is in full swing and still taking applications. Plans call for the weatherization of between 500 to 600 homes during the grant period which ends in March of 2012.

Anyone living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level and who have not received weatherization services within the past 15 years are eligible for this free service. Rental properties are also eligible, please contact us for details if you are a landlord and would like to learn more.

Applicants **MUST** submit **ALL** required documentation prior to receiving services.

An audit is then completed to give our crews a view of what services will most benefit each home. Typical work includes attic, foundation, & wall insulation, clean & tune of furnaces, caulking, & weather-stripping - however, services/repairs performed will vary per home.

Please direct questions to the GHCAA Energy Services Department at 660-359-3907.



Yes! I would like to help the Green Hills Community Action Agency! Please accept my donation & use it to further your mission.

___ \$50 ___ \$25
___ \$10 ___ \$1

Please apply my gift toward the following:

- ___ Health Services
- ___ Women's Shelters
- ___ Education/Employment
- ___ Housing Programs
- ___ Energy/Weatherization
- ___ Most Needed Area

Please send your donations to:

GHCAA
1506 Oklahoma Ave
Trenton, MO 64683

Thank You!



AEL/GED Classes Scheduled for October

AEL/GED classes are starting the first week in October. Information is below:

Brookfield

Monday: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Brookfield Area Career Center
122 Pershing Road
Brookfield, MO 64628
Phone: (660) 258-2682

Milan

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Monday: 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friendship Apartments
611 W. 3rd Street
Milan, MO 63556
Phone: (660) 445-2158

Trenton

Monday: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday: 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Trenton R-IX Success Center
1510 E. 17th Street
Trenton, MO 64683
Phone: (660) 359-3907

Chillicothe

Monday: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Chillicothe Alternative School
1020 Old Hwy 36 West
Second Floor
Chillicothe, MO 64601
Phone: 660-646-0013, ext 21

Bethany

Monday: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
South Harrison High School
3400 Bulldog Avenue
Bethany, MO 64424
Phone: (660) 425-8044

Persons with questions regarding the AEL/GED program, or seeking additional information about how the GHCAA Career Development Program can help you, should contact Green Hills Community Action Agency and speak with Tyson Otto, 359-3907 ext 1034.

Innovative Ways YOU Can Help

There are many interesting ways you can help GHCAA beyond the usual volunteering or cash/in-kind donations.

Did you know you can also help Green Hills raise money simply by doing your holiday shopping online? We've partnered with iGive, where up to 26% of your online purchase at over 900 great stores is automatically donated to Green Hills.

<http://www.igive.com/ghcaa> Sign up using this customized link, then shop online at any of the retail partners listed & a percentage of your purchases will be donated to GHCAA!

Another simple way you can help Green Hills is to forward this digital newsletter to anyone you feel might benefit from it or find it interesting. You can also follow us online at [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) & [YouTube](#), & by sharing our posts, pictures & videos on your own wall/media feed, you can help us spread the word about fighting poverty in Missouri!

We're always seeking success stories, if GHCAA has touched your life or the life of someone you care about—share your story. Share it with us, share it with others!

 Get creative! There are lots of different (and easy) ways to help your favorite non-profit!

GHCAA Housing Development



The Housing Development program at Green Hills covers three key areas - new home construction, home management, and home repair. GHCAA Owns and Manages 50 apartment units and 63 single family homes across 9 counties.

We are currently building two new homes in Hamilton and one new home in Brookfield in

partnership with Brookfield Building Trades from the Brookfield Career Center.

GHCAA is also currently rehabilitating nine homes throughout the Green Hills area. This program has rehabilitated a total of 249 home since 1997.

If you would like to learn more about the Housing Development program, please contact Housing Development Director, Mary Garcia by calling 660-359-3907 ext 1028

Housing Choice Voucher Program



What are housing choice vouchers? The housing choice voucher program is the federal government's major program for assisting very low-income families, the elderly, and the disabled to afford decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the private market. Since housing assistance is provided on behalf of the family or individual, participants are able to find their own housing, including single-family homes, townhouses and apartments.

Eligibility for a housing voucher is determined by the PHA based on the total annual gross income and family size and is limited to US citizens and specified categories of non-citizens who have eligible immigration status. In general, the family's income may not exceed 50% of the median income for the county or metropolitan area in which the family chooses to live. By law, a PHA must provide 75 percent of its voucher to applicants whose incomes do not exceed 30 percent of the area median income. Median income levels are published by HUD and vary by location. The PHA serving your community can provide you with the income limits for your area and family size.

Waiting List - since the demand for housing assistance

often exceeds the limited resources available to HUD and the local housing agencies, long waiting periods are common. In fact, a PHA may close its waiting list when it has more families on the list than can be assisted in the near future. *Our Waiting List is currently 2-3 months.*

The Rent Subsidy - The PHA calculates the maximum amount of housing assistance allowable. The maximum housing assistance is generally the lesser of the payment standard minus 30% of the family's monthly adjusted income or the gross rent for the unit minus 30% of monthly adjusted income

How to Apply for a Housing Assistance Voucher ~- GHCAA / Grundy County Public Housing Agency serves the 9-counties in the Green Hills Area (Caldwell, Daviess, Grundy, Harrison, Linn, Livingston (outside the city limits), Mercer, Putnam and Sullivan). Please contact our central office housing staff located at 1506 Oklahoma Ave., Trenton, MO 660-359-3907 ext. 1045, 1046 or 1047 or by e-mail grundypaha@yahoo.com

To obtain more information, please visit HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Program Section 8 website at: http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/topics/housing_choice_voucher_program_section_8

Looking for a local and environmentally friendly gift this upcoming holiday season? Check out the businesses that have "gone green" listed on the Put a Little Green In Your Life web site: <http://dld.bz/ags2T>



If you have a "green" business, we'd love to hear from you!

Green Hills Community Action Agency works to build vibrant communities.

If you have particular programs that you would like to see highlighted in future issues, or if you know someone who would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact:

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