



WARM Training Center

Promoting Sustainable Affordable Communities Since 1981

Winter News 2009

CHAMPION IN ACTION!



CHARTER ONE & WXYZ HONOR WARM

This October, Charter One and WXYZ Channel 7 honored WARM with the Champions in Action Environmental Impact Award. Charter One honors four Champions in Action each year. This is the first time Charter One has recognized a champion for their environmental impact. Charter One and WXYZ Channel 7 surprised WARM's board and staff with the award, a check for \$25,000, and a commitment to provide volunteers to support WARM's mission and services.

WARM Board of Directors

From Left to Right:

AnnMarie Sanford

Van Adams

Rob Dewaelsche

Will Wittig

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Renee Fluker

Bob Chapman, Executive Director

WARM thanks Charter One and WXYZ Channel 7 for this honor and their continued support. WARM is committed to improving the environmental condition of southeast Michigan and will use this award to support WARM's services through education, energy audits, consulting and technical assistance, green jobs training, and expanding WARM's resources and demonstrations. Visit WARM online to read the whole story and view the video.

"WARM Training Center teaches people how to lessen their impact on the environment and save money on their utility bills—a powerful combination that benefits both the individual and our communities."

- Sandra Pierce, President, Charter One

Weatherization Tips

Weatherizing your home is one of the best ways to save energy and improve your comfort this winter.

House Envelope—Seal leaks around windows and doors, make sure you are well insulated.

House Systems—Change your furnace filter, make sure all systems are running efficiently, clean the coils under your refrigerator (unplug it first).

Occupant Behavior—Install a programmable thermostat, turn off lights, and wear warmer clothing so you can lower your thermostat, remember, heat the person not the room.

Energy Improvements—State and Federal incentives for energy improvements are available online—www.dsireusa.org

Utility Programs

Utility companies also have energy efficiency incentives for residents and businesses. Check online for more information.

DTE Energy—www.YourEnergySavings.com

Consumers Energy—www.consumersenergy.com/eeprograms

Energy Bill Assistance

If you need assistance paying your energy bills, call the United Way for Southeastern Michigan. The United Way offers a hotline that links you to funding organizations in your area.

Call: 2-1-1 (as if dialing 9-1-1)

COLLABORATIVE TRAINS WEATHERIZATION SPECIALISTS

Growing emphasis on energy efficiency is creating a demand for green jobs in Michigan. Detroit, Wayne and Oakland counties are already planning to triple the number of homes they weatherize annually. Anticipating this growing need, WARM teamed up with Henry Ford Community College (HFCC), FOCUS: Hope, and SER Metro to train and certify weatherization specialists.

The ten week training program combines WARM's classroom instruction and considerable hands on training with HFCC "contextualized" math and reading classes. The other two agencies provide the training sites, employability skills and other supportive services.

The results are gratifying. The first two classes of 32 participants completed their training in November. Over 25% of participants had job offers prior to graduation and a majority of the others now have jobs or have been told to expect a call back soon. A key to the success of this program is the employer advisory council created and coordinated by WARM. The council advised on curriculum design and assists with job placement.

New classes begin in January, contact either:

FOCUS: Hope - (313) 494-4300

or

SER Metro - (313) 945-5200 ext. 223



News Briefs

Board Changes

A WARM welcome to new board members Michelle Story-Stewart from LISC and AnnMarie Sanford from the legal firm Pepper Hamilton LLP. Thank you to retiring board member Keona Cowan from Bank of America for her years of dedication to WARM's mission and services. We thank you for your commitment.

Wish List

WARM is looking for donations of 1-2 computers to support our mission. If you are upgrading your system and have a working computer to donate, please contact Jeff Williams at ext. 115. See our full wish list online under our "Support Us" section.

Volunteer

WARM has a number of great opportunities to get involved and support our mission. See our volunteer opportunities online under our "Support Us" section.

Upcoming Events

Interested in learning more about WARM? Join us January 21, 5:00pm at WARM for an informational session and light snacks. Free to attend, please pre-register online.

WARM REACHES MORE RESIDENTS IN SOUTHEAST

WARM is expanding its Energy Education Program to include residents in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Genesee counties. Supported by the Michigan Public Service Commission, this program provides energy efficiency workshops to low and moderate income residents. Energy efficiency workshops teach residents cost-effective ways to lower their energy bills, save money, and provide participants with an energy saving kit for their home. To register for one of these workshops contact WARM, or visit us online to see upcoming workshops on our events calendar.

Last year WARM helped 5,000 residents through workshops. The expansion of the program will allow WARM to reach over 7,000 people in 2010. For more information on how to register for workshops, call WARM Training Center at: [\(313\) 894-1030](tel:3138941030) or online at www.warmtraining.org

"Our workshops help residents save between 10% and 15% on their energy bills. We even receive calls from clients who have saved upwards of 20% on their bills. That's real savings!"

- Alicia Miller, Energy Education Program Manager



Opelton Parker
Energy Educator

WARM CONTINUES GREENING COMMUNITIES

This fall WARM helped 13 municipalities prepare proposals to receive federal funding through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant program. The municipalities will use the funding to make energy improvements for their communities. To help these communities make better spending decisions, WARM also analyzed and prioritized each municipality's energy needs: breaking down payback periods; dollars and energy saved; green house gases reduced; and jobs created so each municipality can make the best decisions about how to spend the funding.



WARM provides technical assistance to municipalities in southeast Michigan as a founding partner of the Regional Energy Office (REO), a partnership between WARM Training Center, the Michigan Suburbs Alliance, the Michigan Municipal League, and SEMCOG. The REO received funding to provide these services to municipalities in southeast Michigan for the next two years. For more information contact Jacob Corvidae at ext. 119.

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Save the Date!
Annual Breakfast
June 10th, 2010

