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**\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY\*\*\***

***Bring the Heat* program to help low-income homeowners this winter**

**INDIANAPOLIS** (Sept. 23, 2022) – On Saturday, Oct. 1, the Indiana HVAC Association (HVACA), the Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership® (INHP), AES Indiana (AES), the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) and Citizens Energy Group are sending volunteer crews to ensure low-income Marion County families will be safe and warm this winter.

Proclaimed “Bring the Heat Day” by Mayor Joe Hogsett, on Oct. 1 more than 45 volunteer HVACA professionals from a dozen Indianapolis-area companies will inspect, clean and service furnaces for low-income Marion County homeowners at no cost. Approximately 100 low-income families that worked with INHP to buy their home will benefit from this free service during the day-long blitz.

Technicians will check and replace furnace filters, make sure burners and igniters function properly, check heat exchangers, and inspect the overall system. They will check for carbon monoxide issues, make necessary repairs, and replace systems at no charge if a unit is beyond repair.

*Bring the Heat* does not receive government funding or assistance. Commercial members of the Indiana HVAC Association volunteer labor, equipment and parts to inspect, clean and repair furnaces.

- WHAT:** *Bring the Heat* community event
- WHEN:** Saturday, Oct. 1; 7 a.m. to noon (approximately)
- WHERE:** Duncan Supply (910 N Illinois St, Indianapolis, IN)
- VISUALS:** Volunteer crews will organize during a morning meeting. Each crew will visit approximately 2-3 homes. A ride-along with the crews is available upon request.
- WHY:** To support low-income homeowners by community organizations through the volunteer efforts of home energy technicians to make Marion County homes safe and habitable.
- AUDIENCE VALUE:** Thousands of homeowners in Marion County do not have a safe source of heat for their homes in the winter months. This event raises awareness for the life-saving importance of proper furnace maintenance and ensures homeowners on fixed incomes stay safe and warm in their homes this winter.
  - *Ride alongs with technicians can be arranged with advance notice.*



HVACA and INHP created the *Bring the Heat* event 19 years ago to raise awareness for the life-saving importance of proper furnace maintenance and to ensure that homeowners on fixed incomes have adequate and safe heating in their homes. Over the past five years, nearly 1,300 furnaces have been cleaned, more than 50 furnaces have been replaced for free, and nearly 85 furnaces were repaired at no cost to the homeowner.

**LEADERSHIP QUOTES FOR ATTRIBUTION:**

“Repairing or replacing a furnace can cost hundreds or even thousands of dollars,” said HVACA president Jeremy Ash. “*Bring the Heat* draws together companies, who are traditionally competitors, for a one-day event where they donate time and talent to Indianapolis residents who otherwise could not afford the maintenance or upkeep needed to ensure their HVAC system is safe this winter.”

“Bring the Heat is a great opportunity to work alongside the community and homeowners to ensure their home is safe this winter,” said Rob Evans, INHP’s executive vice president of homeownership initiatives. “We are proud to partner with HVACA, AES Indiana, the Indianapolis Fire Department and Citizens Energy Group on this initiative to help families maintain their homes in the neighborhoods they love.”

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