

## **A Gift of Warmth, A Gift of Life**

A lack of heat in winter can rapidly create health issues and hardship. The elderly, the children and the disabled are struck hardest.

### **Just 10 degrees can make a difference**

It doesn't have to be freezing to be hazardous. Prolonged exposure at a seemingly adequate 60 degrees can cause permanent damage to small blood vessel in the skin.

### **Desperate times, desperate measures!**

Some seek warmth by dangerous means – fireplaces, stoves, improperly vented portable heaters, barbecue grills, overloaded electrical circuits. All are fire hazards and some can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

**Please give the gift of warmth through a much needed donation to Warm Hearts of Douglas County.**

Send your tax-deductible donation to:

**WARM HEARTS  
P. O. BOX 1555  
LAWRENCE KS 66044-8555**

And remember, if you make your check payable to “**Black Hills Cares**”, your tax-deductible donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar by Black Hills Energy!

For your convenience, donations may now be made by visiting the Warm Hearts' website and clicking on **Donate Today** and using your debit or credit card and using PAYPAL.



[www.warmheartsofdouglascounty.com](http://www.warmheartsofdouglascounty.com)



## **Give the gift of warmth**

Hundreds of our Lawrence and Douglas County neighbors will struggle to stay warm this winter. Your donation to the non-profit Warm Hearts agency will be greatly appreciated.

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## Who is Warm Hearts?

Warm Hearts of Douglas County, Inc., is a Lawrence-based, non-profit energy assistance agency for all of Douglas County. In December each year, an annual campaign for donations is conducted and all donations are used to assist those households in need of assistance in paying winter heating bills.

Warm Hearts is managed by an all-volunteer board and receives a grant to pay for the expenses of the annual campaign. Thanks to caring people who provide donations, each heating season Warm Hearts –

- helps more than 1,100 individuals in more than 500 Lawrence and Douglas County households
- provides an average of more than \$200 per qualifying household for heating fuel
- helps those who have a total household income below poverty guidelines

## Who receives your gift of warmth?

Your tax-deductible donations help the elderly, the disabled, and families with small children. It could be a co-worker, a neighbor, relative or friend. Many are forced to apply for the first time. They want to stand on their own, but need help during a difficult time for them. Maximum assistance available is \$300 per household per heating season for natural gas, or \$400 for heating fueled by propane or wood.



## Your Donation Can Be Matched

Your gift of any amount will be automatically matched through **Black Hills Cares**, the energy assistance program of natural gas utility Black Hills Energy.

Yes, that is correct. Our local gas utility, Black Hills Energy, matches every donation to **Black Hills Cares** from Douglas County residents and forwards the entire amount to Warm Hearts of Douglas County for local distribution.

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### Please direct payment to Black Hills Cares

Warm Hearts will dedicate every penny of your donation and the matching funds from Black Hills Cares to energy assistance for qualifying local residents.

### Please write your tax-deductible donation out to Black Hills Cares and mail it to:

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### Local Agencies, Local Assistance

Application forms for **Warm Hearts of Douglas County, Inc. Emergency Home Heating Fuel Assistance** are available at the following locations in Lawrence.

Ballard Center ..... 785-842-0729  
Douglas County Senior Services ..... 785-842-0543  
ECKAN ..... 785-841-3357  
Pelathe Resource Center..... 785-841-7202  
Penn House ..... 785-842-0440  
Salvation Army ..... 785-843-4188