

Annual Report

July 2014-June 2015



Our mission is to provide energy conservation services and education, and to promote energy saving practices in the community. A non-profit 501(c)3 organization, Project Warm provides free services to low-income households and seniors in Jefferson County thanks to collaborative efforts with other agencies and ongoing involvement with community volunteers. Project Warm was founded in 1982 with financial support from LG&E and Metro Louisville.



A Tribute to Ron Washington – Mr. Washington retired after 33 years of devoted service. He was honored at our 5th Annual Green Spark Awards, April 2015. Ron started in 1982 and quickly earned the respect of fellow volunteers and staff. His skills, his loyalty to the weekday volunteers and to those he served day in day out earned him much admiration at our office and in the larger community. His skills with repairing doors and other challenging tasks resulted in his becoming known as the “door whisperer”.

The AARP of Kentucky “**2014 Andrus Award for Community Service**” was awarded to George Higgins. This Award is given to recognize outstanding volunteers in every state... A \$2,500 donation came with the Award. George, volunteer of Project Warm for over 20 years, chose us to be the recipient of this donation.



Starting in May, **Mark McKinley** took the place of Ron Washington. Mark builds on the work and service delivery that Ron provided. Under Mark’s field leadership we reshaped and streamlined our household and crew check lists, extended home assessments to include additional measures and up-graded client education and participation in the services rendered.

Jewish Community of Louisville provided volunteer teams for Project Warm Blitz.

Service Goals Achieved

- **First Line Service** 312 households served
Year-round repairs: weatherproofing of doors & windows, caulking open seams, reconnecting duct lines, repairing holes & replacing missing glass.
- **Energy Management Workshops** 676 households served
Do-It-Yourself classes held in 38 locations; each participant received an energy-saving kit and hands-on directions for its use.
- **Project Warm Blitz** 326 households served
Over 800 trained volunteers serving on teams helped winter-ready the windows of homes of seniors and those who cannot do it for themselves.
- **Affordable Energy Corporation (ASAP)** 839 households served
Energy management training is provided to ASAP Corporation clients.

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Financial Report

July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015

Revenues

Government Grants	31,500
All Other Contributions	180,246
Program Services	21,225
Other	12,810
Total Revenues	\$245,781

Expenses

Program Service	203,148
Management	33,025
Fundraising	5,819
Total Expenses	\$241,992

Change in Net Asset \$3,789

Net Assets, June 30, 2015 \$109,157

990 is available upon request

Other Accomplishments 2014-15

- Engaged **1097 volunteers**, who provided **over 7,482 hours** of service at a value of more than **\$142,000**
- **Volunteer and Staff Breakfasts:** opportunities to share info about other community initiatives and reviewing 'Best Practices'. In 2014-2015, "How to set up a Warm or Cool Room" for those we serve. Revised and consolidated check lists that Project Warm crews & households use for learning and identifying repairs.
- Collaborated with **LG&E's WeCare Program** to simplify the application process for service and reduce redundancy. (*special support: LG&E*)
- Strategic partnership with **YouthBuild Louisville:** Initiate a new series of half-day "It's My Home!" workshops with weatherization training. Introducing 'House as a System'. This class empowers people to develop, prioritize and implement a weatherization plan with measurable improvements. Participants are encouraged to use our resources and staff expertise while weatherizing their home and/or becoming Project Warm volunteers. (*special support: UPS Foundation, Gheens Foundation & KY Housing Corporation*)
- Continue to partner with **YouthBuild Louisville** students to weatherize houses, providing work experience and community service hours.
- Sustained an important partnership with **JCPS's Family Resources Centers** and other sites to host **Energy Management Workshops**.
- Distributed energy kits through workshops to **Low-Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** participants (650 households served) around Jefferson County. (*special support: LG&E*)
- Continue to collaborate with **Catholic Charities** and **KY Refugee Ministries** to provide in-home energy management information to new Americans.
- Hosted the **2015 Green Spark Awards**, our annual event to raise needed funds and recognizing the contributions of environmental leaders, youth and others.

Comments received About Volunteers



"Step by step you repaired my house back to a home, with such intricate details. You're truly a GodSend!" **Curtis**

"You can't image what it means to 97 year old woman with no family... and your loving kindness—I am still dumbfounded!!!" **Thelma**



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