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LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM KICKS OFF IN DECEMBER

NEWTON, NC – North Carolina’s Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) gives families a one-time vendor payment to help pay their heating bills. Offered annually, the program is available to eligible Catawba County residents beginning in December.

Applications will be taken for disabled persons receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services or households containing a person age 60 and older from December 1-31, 2017. Applications for all other eligible households will be taken from January 1 through March 31 or until all funds are exhausted.

Eligibility requirements include the following: the household must meet income limits for the program; the household must be responsible for its heating bills; the household cannot have resources over \$2,250.00; and the household must include a U.S. citizen or eligible alien. Households must apply in the county where they live.

Catawba County residents may apply for LIEAP assistance in person at Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry, which is located at 245 E. North Street, Newton, 28658. Applicants are asked to bring information about their household income (such as wage stubs from the previous month); information about their household bank accounts (saving or checking accounts); information about their household’s property, stocks, bonds and other assets; the name, date of birth, and social security numbers of each household member; a picture ID; and a copy of their household utility bill.

Greenway Public Transit Route 3 has a sheltered stop near Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry and also offers dial-a-ride service which can be reserved three businesses days in advance by calling (828) 464-9444.

For more information about the LIEAP program, contact Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry at (828) 465-1702 or Catawba County Social Services at (828) 695-5728 or (828) 695-5625.

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