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**Community Action Partnership of North Alabama, Inc. to Operate
Weatherization Program in Walker County**

DECATUR, ALA. – The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) Energy Division recently chose the Community Action Partnership of North Alabama, Inc. (The Partnership) to operate the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Program in Walker County. CEO Michael Tubbs said, "We are pleased to operate in Walker County and renew this much needed service to vulnerable seniors and families. The Partnership operates the Weatherization program in Marion, Winston, Cullman, Morgan and Lawrence counties and has helped hundreds of homeowners save a significant amount of money on energy bills."

This DOE program's primary purpose is to reduce the energy burden of income eligible homeowners. Various measures are taken to reduce air infiltration, address safety and health issues and insulate homes to reduce energy consumption. Trained assessors determine if a homeowner is qualified and then certified contractors perform the needed work. There is no cost to the homeowner for these services. Even though there is a waiting list for Walker County, additional applications are being taken. A rating scale is used to determine which homes should be assessed. Elderly homeowners, medical needs and very high energy bills are key factors in determining the order of homes to be serviced.

The Community Action Partnership which was founded in 1967 serves Cullman, Morgan and Lawrence counties and has as its primary mission the reduction or elimination of the causes and consequences of poverty in the North Alabama. Through a comprehensive, results-driven model, the Partnership leverages federal, state and local funds to manage programs that assist families in becoming economically independent.

The Partnership also operates the largest child care network in the state with Head Start centers in twelve north Alabama counties and serves the community through the Foster Grandparent/Senior Companions Program, Meals on Wheels of Morgan County, Volunteer Income Tax Preparation and several other direct service interventions. The Partnership also manages the United Way 2-1-1 Call Connect system for Morgan County.

The Partnership is also the largest non-profit developer of affordable housing in the Alabama. As General Partner, the Community Action Partnership has brought public and private housing solutions to 20 cities in Alabama by using Low Income Tax Credits that attract private investors. Housing built by the Partnership is an excellent example of leveraging public, private and non-profit resources together to create high quality, energy efficient affordable housing for vulnerable seniors and families.

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