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### **WINTER HEATING BILL HELP IS AVAILABLE**

Derby, CT, August 21, 2013—Families and individuals needing financial help to off-set their winter heating bills, now is the time to apply to TEAM for assistance.

Households may qualify for assistance if they fall below these income levels: \$32,190 for a household of one, \$42,094 for a household of two, \$51,999 for a three person household and \$61,904 for a four person household.

“We know there are individuals and families who may not be aware of the heating assistance program,” said Ellen McAuliffe, TEAM Manager of Energy Assistance. “We want to help those vulnerable families who financially struggle in this economy, to get through the upcoming winter months.”

Applicants are eligible based on review of their total gross household income, such as job earnings, unemployment compensation, social security, pension, etc.; household size; and liquid assets, as shown through bank statements. If an applicant is approved for assistance, TEAM will make direct payments to their home heating provider.

Both homeowners and renters who are residents of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Seymour, Shelton and Woodbridge can apply for energy assistance from TEAM.

To schedule an appointment with TEAM Energy Assistance, please call 203-736-5420 ext. 3 (phone line opens in August) or in Milford, 203-783-3253 (phone line starts 9/16); Woodbridge, 203-389-3429 (phone line starts 9/9); and Orange, 203 891-4787 (phone line starts 10/1).

*TEAM Inc. is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit corporation whose mission is to connect individuals and families with solutions that lead to well-being, self-sufficiency and full participation in the community. It aims to achieve its mission by conducting activities that address the needs of economically disadvantaged individuals and families including resource mobilization, education, advocacy and service delivery. TEAM programs serve the communities of Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Derby, Milford, Orange, Oxford, Shelton, Seymour and Woodbridge.*

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