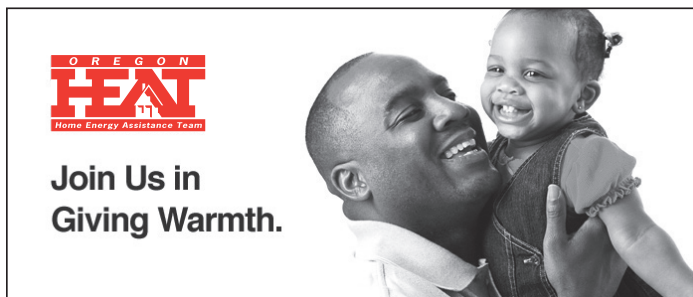


## Oregon HEAT Website

### More Interactive, Better For Your Needs

Donating is more secure and easier than ever with Oregon HEAT's new website. Oregon's largest nonprofit that raises funds to provide energy assistance to low-income Oregonians launched an improved website that is more interactive, easier to navigate and has a crisper, cleaner look. And, it's in the same place at [www.oregonheat.org](http://www.oregonheat.org).

The Oregon HEAT website is a resource for individuals and organizations who want to help low-income Oregonians with their energy bills and with conserving energy. With the recent economic downturn and rising unemployment, more Oregon families need help with their energy bills and Oregon HEAT is there to provide that help.



## Donate Your Used Oil

### Help Keep Area Families Warm

Oregon HEAT with its partner Oil Re-refining Company (ORRCO), an environmental oil recycler, offers a nationally recognized program to recycle home heating oil and waste oil products from industry.

Oregon HEAT and ORRCO started the program to ease the burden on low-income Oregonians while reducing the level of petroleum waste products and used anti-freeze in Oregon. ORRCO picks up donations of home heating oil, as well as used petroleum products from businesses to have them recycled. Proceeds from the sale of the recycled products are used to provide vital energy assistance to low-income residents in the donor's local community.

To donate your used oil, or to learn more, call Oregon HEAT at (503) 612-3790 or email [info@oregonheat.org](mailto:info@oregonheat.org).

The website, designed by Portland's Copious Creative, includes such features as:

- Easier, secure donations with easier navigation and fewer page clicks
- Interactive map to find Oregon HEAT's county-based partner agencies by zip code.
- Tips and resources for conserving energy
- Social networking on Facebook, Digg and Twitter
- Online newsletters
- Up-to-date information on events

### *I'll never know your name, but Thank You!*

"Even after Marine Corps cold weather training and a year outside in the Rockies, 8 years in seafood freezers – 6 of those in Alaska – I HATE cold. One day a man came to shut off the gas. He saw us kids all bundled up, and he circumvented the meter...He risked his job. I will never know his name but [will] never forget his face, and his wet eyes, his heart and his help. So please accept my donation in his honor...I was lucky enough to be born and raised in briar patches. Thorns are just thorns, sometimes. That gas man knew that. Everybody doesn't know that. So THANK YOU for knowing that."

HENRY HUDDLESTON, ROSEBURG (JAN. 29, 2009)

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## Oregonians Helping Oregonians

It seems the choices our legislators had in this year's marathon session were all dictated by recession, unemployment and a big budget hole. I think they did as good a job as could be expected for low-income families in the state.



**Roger Rees**

With Oregon's unemployment rate still the second highest in the nation, they passed legislation to create public works jobs along several fronts: Gov. Ted Kulongoski's \$300 million a year transportation package led the way and was joined by a \$175 million stimulus package. At last count, that had created more than 3,200 jobs.

State health care was expanded to include 80,000 uninsured children and 35,000 low-income adults. The Legislature also raised taxes to help fill some of the huge budget deficits. While some may decry tax increases, it was necessary to avoid further cuts in state human services, which would have hit hardest those who could afford it least.

On the federal front, the huge stimulus package passed through Congress increased the amount of money spent on weatherization in the homes of the low-

income, which will lower the energy bills for those lucky few. But, in its efforts to concentrate on jobs, not directly on the problems associated with paying energy bills, Congress did not include any additional money for energy assistance, even though the demand now is greater than it has been in years.

All of this year's legislation will help the low-income lower energy bills, get jobs and ensure better and less expensive health care, but it will not directly help the remaining thousands of low-income families pay their energy bills and stay warm come winter.

The need is great. Won't you please join us and our major funding partners, Pacific Power, PGE, ORRGO and West Oregon Electric Cooperative, Inc. to help families in need with their energy bills. Go to our new website at [www.oregonheat.org](http://www.oregonheat.org), use the envelope in your electric bill or give us a call.

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