

MAACTIVITY REPORT

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Energy Saving Tips

(In memory of former MAAC Board Member and Metro Energy Center Director,

Peter Dreyfuss)

Install a programmable thermostat.

Weatherize your home. Call your utility company for a referral to a weatherization program.

Use compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Open drapes/blinds in the daytime to warm the house, close them at night.

Put weather stripping around doors and windows to stop air leaks.

Clean furnace filters monthly in winter.

Insulate your hot water heater.

Lower hot water tank temperature to 115 degrees.

Clean refrigerator coils.

Wash clothes in cold water.

Repair leaking faucets and running toilets.

Install low-flow shower head.



MAAC ANNUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE A HUGE SUCCESS

The 2006 Annual Training Conference was held on September 26 at the Adams Pointe Conference Center in Blue Springs. The ever-popular Dr. Walter Kisthardt (Wally) was the keynote speaker. Wally inspired the crowd with his enthusiasm for strength based case management and for the well-being of case managers. His case manager blues song was a big hit.



MAAC Board Member, Rebecca Simmons, Dr. Kisthardt, and MAAC Training Conference Coordinator, Ladonna Zimmerman.

Because of the quality of the workshops and speakers, Continuing Education Units are available to the Social Workers who attend the conference. There were 28 speakers in 22 workshops ranging from technical documentation to story telling.

MAACLink Team Members did workshops on data entry, fund management, HUD data requirements, and using reports for advocacy.

The MAAC Agency Relations Committee selected More 2 for its Service to the Community Award. Rev. Bob Hill of Community Christian Church and Rev. Eric Belt of St. Stephen Baptist Church, co-chairs of More 2 accepted the award. MAAC Board member and More 2 leader, Keith Washburn, presented the much deserved recognition.

Thank you,

J was deeply moved by the recognition the MAAC staff and partner agencies gave me at the Training Conference. The award symbolizing the staff supporting me to reach the stars, the memory book and the gift card mean so much to me. Never before have I been so emotional that I was unable to address my colleagues. MAAC is an important part of my life and the community. I will follow its important work with pride.

Jan Marcason



Left: MAAC Board Members Tom Edminster and Keith Washburn with honoree Rev. Eric Belt and Ladonna Zimmerman.



Right: MAAC Staff with award given to Jan at conference.

BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

MAAC's Back to School program for students whose parents are participating in the strength-based case management program provided new back to school outfits, a winter coat, shoes, and underwear for 118 students this year.

40 teenaged students went shopping with their family's case manager to pick out their own clothing and learn the value of different items.

Thanks to the many individuals, companies, and service organizations that sponsor this important program. It is a big boost to these students' academic success.



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Updates on Cold Weather Rules in Kansas and Missouri

Between November 1 and March 31, utility customers have some protection against having their utilities cut off. In both Kansas and Missouri, customers can make arrangements with their utility company to pay their bills over time. The utility company cannot disconnect a customer for non-payment if the temperature is below 32 degrees in Missouri and 35 degrees in Kansas. For more information, contact your utility company for a copy of the Cold Weather Rule guidelines.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) allocations for 2007 for Missouri and Kansas:

Missouri: \$45,246,149	Kansas: \$16,692,659 (tribal set aside of \$11,178)
2006 allocation Missouri: \$45,240,083	2006 allocation Kansas: \$16,690,421 (tribal set aside \$12,420)

Hurricane Katrina Support: One Year Later

The \$500,000 from the Kauffman Foundation and additional assistance dollars contributed by the KC Helps effort, concerned individuals, and companies was used to meet the immediate needs of those who evacuated from New Orleans and the Gulf Coast because of Hurricane Katrina.

One year after the hurricane struck their homes, many families are settled into their new home in the Kansas City area. Between September 1, 2006 and October 15, 2006 the Hurricane Assistance Funds were spent on families that are in a case management program. Expenditures in this new phase of the assistance effort are geared toward helping these households stabilize their living quarters, get a good paying job, or the transportation and clothing necessary for successful employment.

A total of \$41,450 was spent during this period:

- ... \$6355 was used for transportation costs including auto repair, bus tokens, and gasoline vouchers.
- ... \$12,735 was used for housing costs such as rental deposits, moving bills, rent, and temporary lodging.
- ... \$2,203 in medical assistance was provided.
- ... \$10,800 was used for utilities including gas, electricity, water, phone, and sewer/trash.

Other important assistance included job training, identification, legal documents, childcare and clothing.

Kansas City provided a caring response for the short and longer-term needs of these families.

Hot Shots Golf Tournament a Big Success

The Second Annual Hot Shots Golf Tournament was held on October 5 at the Drumm Farm Golf Club in Independence. Local utility companies Missouri Gas Energy, Kansas City Power & Light, Aquila, and Kansas Gas Service joined together to raise funds to assist low income utility customers through the Mid America Assistance Coalition and The Salvation Army's energy assistance programs.



MAAC's team (left) won the Doggone Dead Last trophy this year. Team members include: Penny Slicer, Wayne Ifft, David Johnson and Richard Purucker. (with Board members Ken Brookens and Rebecca Simmons and MAAC ED Jan Marcason)

The Hot Shots Committee (right) of utility company, MAAC and Salvation Army volunteers' hard work paid off.



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