

Our Mission:

EnergyCare promotes healthier, safer home environments and independent living by providing year-round energy-related services in St. Louis City and County for low-income households with persons who are elderly, disabled, or chronically ill, and young children.

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See inside for details.**

**First Bank Partners With EnergyCare
to Help St. Louisans in Need Beat the Heat**



First Bank donated 53 new 5,050 BTU window air conditioning units to EnergyCare in June. The donation marks the 20th anniversary of First Bank's employee fundraiser to support EnergyCare.

This year, First Bank employees raised \$4,330, and the company contributed an additional \$1,500 to fund the donation event.

"For 20 years, our employees have supported this incredibly worthwhile cause," said Ed Furman, Senior Vice President and Chief Investment Officer, First Bank. "With temperatures nearing triple digits, we know these units will be put to good use by people in the community who need them most."

Since 1999, First Bank employees have donated 853 air conditioning units to EnergyCare for a total value of more than \$86,000.



Letter From Executive Director, Tim O'Dea

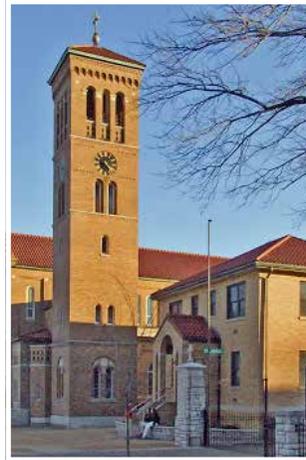
The summer of 2018 started early and stayed hot even through September and demand for EnergyCare services taxed our resources. Even during June (which felt like August) several heat advisories had vulnerable people in St. Louis scrambling for help.

After moving to our new home at St. John the Baptist, we hit the ground running. We have been able to update and streamline some of our technology to better serve our clients. Just this month, EnergyCare has received more than 13,000 phone calls from people looking for relief from the heat.

Your support for EnergyCare has a huge impact on the lives of the people we serve: 26% can't afford medications they have been prescribed, 46% use food banks, 68% are on food stamps, and 37% are struggling to stay housed. 82% are severely or chronically ill, and 84% are women.

EnergyCare relies on support from generous people like you to meet the demand for services during the summer and into the fall. We thank you for your support!

EnergyCare Has Moved!



After more than 27 years in the Benton Park West neighborhood of South St. Louis, we moved in June to the former school at St. John the Baptist near Bevo Mill. Our former building, built in 1897, needed an expensive total renovation. The new owners are rehabbing the building for residential and business use.

We appreciate the warm welcome from Fr. Carl Scheble, Pastor at St. John the Baptist, and the other nonprofit organizations bringing new life to the former school buildings in the complex.

"I am so grateful that EnergyCare has chosen us for their new home," says Fr. Carl. "EnergyCare enhances the synergy of the many community organizations on this campus. I look forward to EnergyCare's continued growth, its partnership with us, and its greater impact throughout the St. Louis community."



This new partnership benefits EnergyCare in many ways, mostly by lowering our operating costs. The move also keeps us close to our clients and provides us plenty of room for our staff and materials, with even greater capacity to work with volunteers.

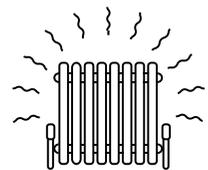
We look forward to partnering with organizations in the neighborhood, especially those serving low-income seniors and people with chronic diseases. We are already reaching out to organizations serving Hispanic and Vietnamese neighbors.

We are delighted to become part of an energetic revitalization and look forward to expanding EnergyCare's mission.

Your Donations Kept Families Warm

During winter 2017/18, EnergyCare provided direct services to 350 families, helping them remain safely warm and in their own homes. Services included:

- Weatherization of 98 homes.
- Distribution of 164 electric heaters.
- Installation of 128 weatherization kits.



EnergyCare's major goal is to enable vulnerable, low-income people to remain safe from the negative health and social consequences of extreme cold in the winter, while continuing to live independently in their own homes.

This has the impact of contributing to a range of positive outcomes for the clients. For example: clients who have their furnace repaired do not have to sacrifice medication or medical treatments in order to pay to stay safely warm, and clients who receive a home weatherization may see a reduction in their energy bills, freeing up income and allowing them to eat a more nutritious diet.

Thank You

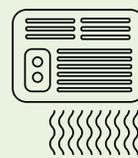
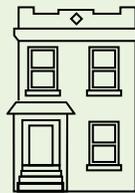
Senior Fund City of St. Louis

Thanks to a new partnership with Senior Fund City of St. Louis, EnergyCare's expanded summer program provided more seniors at high risk from the heat with small, energy efficient air conditioners and energy assistance to prevent utility disconnections. This project provided 200 air conditioners, installed by EnergyCare, to vulnerable seniors in the city and provided energy assistance to 50 households (\$250 average) to prevent disconnections. The primary goal of EnergyCare's Summer Program is to reduce the risk of heat related illness or death for 2,150 households within the program's target population.

EnergyCare services include visiting the home, assessing their needs and eligibility, installing the air conditioner, as well as subsequent servicing and repair of the unit. In some cases, we can make utility assistance payments to make using the unit more affordable.

Daughters of Charity Foundation

Thanks to a generous grant from the Daughters of Charity Foundation, EnergyCare was able to complete many home weatherization projects that allow low-income residents of St. Louis city and county who are elderly, chronically ill, disabled, or very young (and therefore particularly susceptible to the dangerous extremes of temperature) safely warm in their own homes. The primary goal of these services is to increase the energy efficiency of each home so that the families stay safe and warm, and spends less of their limited incomes on utility bills.



Overall, clients rate our services 4.9 out of 5. All of our services are provided at zero cost to the clients.

Learn more: www.energycare.org

Become a Board Member

EnergyCare is recruiting new board members. Successful board members will help us strengthen existing and develop new partnerships, integrate research into our services, provide fresh ideas and help us increase our visibility, impact, and financial growth. A passion for our mission is essential. Some of the issues EnergyCare focuses on include: social justice, poverty, seniors, energy efficiency, green energy, public health, and helping seniors age in their own homes. Contact Tim O'Dea at (314) 773-5968 if you or someone you know is interested.

Remember EnergyCare in Your Estate Plan

The end of the year is quickly approaching, and it's a good time to have a conversation with your financial advisor about your estate plan. By including a nonprofit like EnergyCare in your planning, you can reduce the amount you and your family pay the IRS. Also, you can become part of the legacy of EnergyCare, ensuring that our mission continues for future generations.



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How You Can Help

- Organize a blanket drive
- Volunteer time & effort
- Donate cash, stock, or air conditioners
- Like EnergyCare on Facebook

Donors: *Thank you for your support*

Churches

EnergyCare receives support from many religious groups who help us further our mission:

- St. Joseph Parish, Cottleville
- Presbyterian Foundaton
- Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Webster Groves Presbyterian
- School Sisters of Notre Dame
- Mary, Mother of the Church
- Central Reform Congregation
- Asumption Church
- St. Mary's Institute
- Christ Evangelical Church
- St. Gerard Majella Parish

We would like to thank these groups for helping EnergyCare serve our clients. Contact us if your congregation would like to get involved.

Tributes

In memory of:

- Sr. Pat Kelley
- Ann Marie Lavite
- Don Ottersbach
- Don Reilly
- Donna Glynn

- Humbert and Mary Ghio
- Kurt Holtgrewe
- Ms. Janet McMahon
- Robert Kaiser, Jr.
- Robert S. Rogers
- Sr. Ann Julia
- The Patrick F. Cusick Family

In honor of:

- Beverly Stein
- Mary Ann Hilgeman, CSJ
- Jesus Christ