

Local service company providing furnaces to the needy

By Jesse Chadderdon
Staff Reporter

Horizon Services is teaming up with other Delaware businesses to provide 12 needy families with new furnaces this Winter.

This is the third straight year that the heating, air conditioning and plumbing company has provided furnaces to New Castle County residents through its Warm the Heart non-profit program.

Mark Aitken and Dave Geiger, owners of Horizon Services, said they established Warm the Heart campaign in 2005 to try to help people who had old or faulty heating equipment they could not afford to replace. Many families resort to unsafe heating alternatives such as open stoves or kerosene heaters instead, they said.

"This is about helping the people that we live with that have to make the tough choices that I don't have to make," Aitken said at the campaign's November 27 kickoff at the Rose Hill Community Center. "This is about helping the people who have to choose between heating their house and feeding their family."

Funding for the purchase of the furnaces and their installation will come from several local companies, including Delmarva Power, TRANE, Valero Energy and Wilmington Trust.

Applications will be available at community

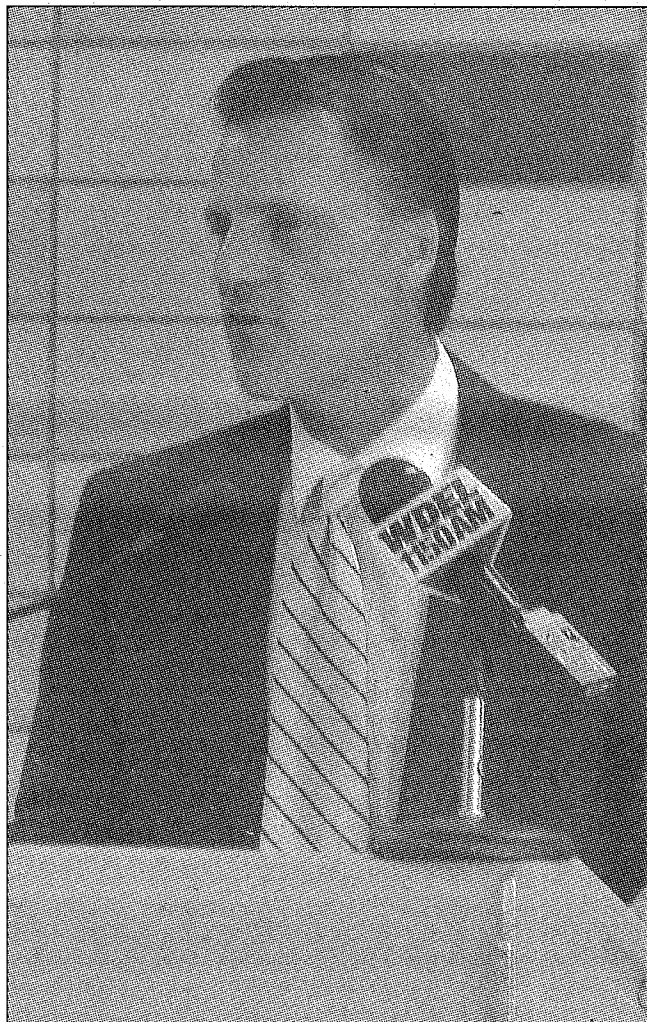


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Warm the Heart President Mark Aitken announces a program to give furnaces to 12 needy families. He is also co-owner of Horizon Services.

centers and senior centers throughout the county and Warm the Heart will accept applications through December 14. Aitken said a selection committee will then review each submitted application and decide which 12 applicants are most in need of a new heater.

Wilmington Mayor James Baker praised the effort.

"I join with citizens throughout Wilmington in thanking Horizon Services for going above and beyond what a private business is expected to do in demonstrating its concern for people and its dedication to helping children and families," he said.

More information about the program is available at www.warmtheheart.org.

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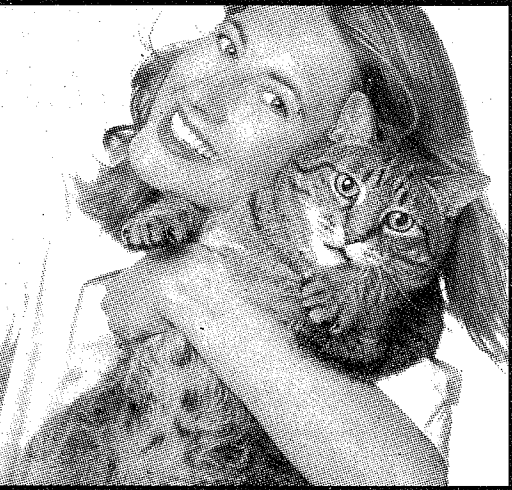
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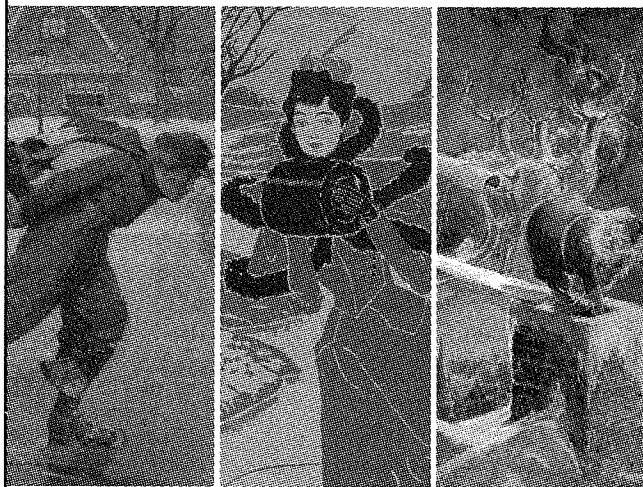
WARM THE HEART APPLICATION PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- Absolom Jones Senior Center: 310 Kiamensi Road, Wilmington
- Appoquinimink Community Activity Center: 645 N. Broad Street, Middletown
- Bear Library: 101 Governor's Place, Bear
- Claymont Library: 3303 Green Street, Claymont
- Elsmere Library: 30 Spruce Avenue, Elsmere
- Garfield Community Activity Center: 26 Karlyn Drive, New Castle
- Kingswood Community Center: 2300 Bowers Street, Wilmington
- Latin American Community Center: 403 N. Van Buren Street, Wilmington
- Nehemiah Gateway Community Center: 201 W. 23rd Street, Wilmington
- Neighborhood House: 1218 B Street, Wilmington
- New Castle County Department of Community Services: 77 Read's Way, New Castle
- Peoples Settlement Association: 408 E. 8th Street, Wilmington
- Police Athletic League of Wilmington: 3707 N. Market Street, Wilmington
- Rose Hill Community Center: 19 Lamsom Lane, New Castle
- West End Neighborhood House: 710 N. Lincoln Street, Wilmington
- Wilmington Senior Center: 1901 Market Street, Wilmington

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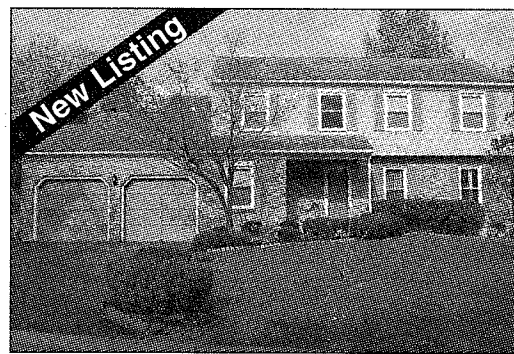


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