



SENIOR *Exterior Home Improvement Program*

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Senior Resource Center for Douglas County and Lawrence Habitat for Humanity Launch Pilot Program for Seniors

Lawrence, KS, May 23, 2018. The Senior Resource Center for Douglas County (SRC) and the Lawrence Habitat for Humanity (LHfH) are joining forces for a pilot program to assist low-income seniors in Douglas County with exterior home repairs. The pilot project will serve up to four senior households between the dates of July 1 and August 31, 2018, with an intent to expand the project in future years.

SRC will promote the program to area seniors and will screen and refer senior households that closely match the project criteria to LHfH.

LHfH will provide funding for the selected projects made possible by a grant from the Douglas County Community Foundation and will oversee management of construction components of each project, including developing a scope of work with the homeowner and recruiting volunteers to work with a professional construction manager to provide labor for the project.

SRC and LHfH are pleased to launch this joint program to serve seniors who wish to stay in their homes and to provide vital updates and repairs to ensure that qualified applicants can live in a safe and pleasant environment.

Interested seniors can apply for assistance from this pilot program at SRC, temporarily located at 2920 Haskell Ave in Lawrence. Basic requirements include that the homeowner is 60 years of age or older, lives in Douglas County, occupies the home, and is willing to pay a portion of the cost of repairs and partner with LHfH in some way to sweat equity on the project, such as greeting volunteers, baking cookies, and/or assisting with the project. Applications for consideration are due to SRC by Friday, June 19, 2018.

For additional information about SRC, contact Michelle Meier, Director of Community Engagement, at mmeier@YourSRC.org, call 785-842-0543, or visit www.YourSRC.org.

For additional information about LHfH, contact Erika Zimmerman, Executive Director, at director@lawrencehabitat.org, call 785- 832-0777, or visit www.lawrencehabitat.org.

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