

Ferris State University HEAT'S ON Project



“Sandra, Please share this, if possible, with the team members involved with the inspection and resulting repair and replacement of unsafe heating systems. Bev was on vacation last week when we were working on getting heating systems for her clients up and running and was shocked to learn that some of her clients were living in potentially life threatening situations. One saved life, makes the hard work on everyone’s part worth it.”

Nancy, Volunteer

Coordinator

“Thank you so much for assisting with the arrangements for my clients to have furnace inspections. The results of the visits to the homes are an indicator of how needed and valuable this program is. I am extremely grateful for the potential lives saved (literally) by this service and would like those involved to know how much their time and energies are appreciated. Thank you.”

Bev, Adult Services Worker

Phone call . . . “Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you, I can’t believe you put a new furnace in for me. I haven’t had it checked in years because my friends said they would probably shut it down. I can’t thank you enough, I can’t remembers when I’ve been this warm.”

Recipient



Greater Michigan MSCA’s Ferris State University Student Chapter held their fifth HEAT’S ON Project. The Chapter has participated in the program with Greater Michigan MSCA and UA Local 190 for the past six years. They enjoyed their participation, but felt they wanted to do more for the Mecosta County where Ferris State University is located.

The Chapter took on the monumental task of scheduling a project for their hometown, working with the Mecosta County Family Independence Agency. Then calls were made to have volunteers participate from MSCA contractors and chapters throughout the state.



Trucks came from Ann Arbor, Johnson Controls, Boone & Darr, Comfort Zone; Flint, Goyette Mechanical Company, and Grand Rapids, Hurst Industries. Chapter Advisors

Sandra Miller and her Assistant Lily Calmeyn, from Greater Michigan MSCA, and Chapter Advisor Mike Feutz, FSU) were also in attendance. The appointments had been pre-set, reviewed and confirmed by MSCA. Chapter sponsor Sandra Miller reviewed the procedures for the service calls and discussed the forms and paperwork that needed to be prepared during the visit. Each truck took carbon monoxide detectors and smoke detectors for each home, along with batteries to update and replace those in homes that had them installed.

After a quick breakfast, students were partnered with the service tech's who had donated their time and were off for the days work. A number of volunteers stayed behind to serve as "runners" to take parts out to the various service calls when necessary.

Everyone, service techs and students alike enjoyed the opportunity to help those in need.