

2011 Program

Dear Homeowner:

Attached please find a copy of the **Christmas in April*Prince George's County Homeowner Application** for the 2011 program.

Christmas in April is an annual, one-day project to repair the homes of those who due to age, disability and financial hardship, cannot do the work themselves.

Skilled and unskilled volunteers give six to eight hours of service to help with repairs. **Christmas in April** is a non-profit organization supported entirely by voluntary contributions of time and money.

The program does have several limitations, however, **CHRISTMAS IN APRIL CANNOT MAKE STRUCTURAL REPAIRS OR UNDERTAKE PROJECTS THAT CANNOT BE COMPLETED IN ONE DAY!** If your house requires structural work, we can refer you to the County's Department of Housing and Community Development at 301-883-5570.

To be eligible for consideration, the **HOME TO BE REPAIRED MUST BE OWNED AND OCCUPIED BY THE HOMEOWNER AND THE HOMEOWNER MUST BE ELDERLY AND/OR DISABLED.** While there are no income requirements, the program does take **need** into consideration when making the final selections. **In particular, the program is designed to help individuals who have no means to make the needed repairs themselves.**

Repairs are limited to the last Saturday in April. Even with a team of 20 or more volunteers assigned to the home, we **cannot guarantee that all work that needs to be done can be complete or that all requested work will be done.**

Repairs differ in each home but they can include: interior and exterior painting, minor carpentry, plumbing and electrical work, replacing stoves, refrigerators and hot water heaters, if existing appliances are not working, clean-up and yard work may also be included.

The **Christmas in April** work will be done on **Saturday, April 30, 2011**. We anticipate accepting as many as 100 homes for repair in the 2011 program. If you are interested in being considered for our program, or know of someone who may be interested, please complete this application and return it to:

Christmas in April*Prince George's County
7915 Malcolm Road
Clinton, MD 20735

Applications must be received in our office by November 1, 2010.

If you are applying on behalf of someone or making a referral, please discuss your referral with the homeowner prior to submitting the application and secure as much of the required information as possible. We also need your name, relationship to the homeowner and your phone numbers.

Additionally, the program requires a site visit by a Christmas in April volunteer to make sure the repairs are within the scope of the **Christmas in April** program. You will receive a call in mid-November to schedule this visit.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-868-0937. We anticipate that final selections will be made around January 10 (depending on the weather). The applicant will be notified in writing at that time whether or not they have been selected for the 2011 program.

Sincerely,

Mary Kucharski
Executive Director
Christmas in April*
Prince George's County

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****PHYSICALLY ABLE-BODIED HOMEOWNERS,
FAMILY MEMBERS, PERSONS LIVING IN THE HOME,
OR RELATIVES VISITING ON THE DAY CHRISTMAS IN
APRIL REPAIRS THE HOME, MUST WORK ALONG
WITH THE VOLUNTEERS. IF FRIENDS OF THE
HOMEOWNER CANNOT BE HELPFUL, REPAIR WORK
WILL BE STOPPED AND THE VOLUNTEERS WILL
LEAVE. PLEASE KEEP THIS LETTER FOR FUTURE
REFERENCE.**