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TCOG Announces Warming Up Texoma Drive

Keeping Texomans Warm this Winter

SHERMAN, DECEMBER 22, 2021 – Cara Lavender, Aging Services Department Director of Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) announced the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Texoma, TCOG and Hot 107.3 have partnered together to present "Warming Up Texoma," a drive for the Texoma region. The distribution drive-through event will be held in the parking lot at TCOG on January 10, 2022. Distribution will begin at 12:00 pm and end at 2:00 pm.

"We encourage social service agencies who have needs for their clients to reach out to us with those needs so that we can get items that will be of most use," stated Lavender. Through the support of a grant from Simmons Bank, TCOG has purchased space heaters to be distributed to the community. "If you or your family are in need of a space heater this winter, please contact the ADRC at TCOG to be placed on our reservation list.

AAA has partnered with Hot 107.3 to promote the drive, encouraging community members and agencies to donate gently used or new "warming items" such as blankets, coats, hoodies, socks or small space heaters. Items are needed for all ages and in all sizes.

United Healthcare has donated funds specifically for needed warmth items for those over the age of 60 in our community. These items will also be distributed at the event through the AAA.

Anyone wishing to donate items for this event should bring their donation to TCOG prior to January 7, 2022. Heaters will be handed out to those who have reserved one. Alternative arrangements may be made if you are unable to attend the scheduled drive-through event.

To be placed on our space heater reservation list, please contact (903) 813-2161 ext. 3596.

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.

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