



Christmas in October

Rebuilding Houses, Lives and Neighborhoods since 1984

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Homeowner Fact Sheet

Who is Christmas in October?

Christmas in October is the leading volunteer organization focused on rehabilitating the houses of low-income homeowners in the Kansas City area – at no cost to them. Our primary purpose is to rebuild houses, lives and neighborhoods so that needy families, the elderly, the disabled and veterans may live in safety, warmth and dignity.

What does Christmas in October do?

We are a not-for-profit organization that seeks to improve the safety and quality of neighborhoods through home repair with the help of over 4,000 volunteers and more than 400 skilled union plumbers, pipe fitters, electricians and glazers.

How do I apply for assistance?

It's easy to apply. Simply complete the Homeowner Application in its entirety. You can mail, email or drop it by our office. If you need to more fully explain your situation, just attach a page with more details.

How much will I pay for your services?

There are no fees to you for our services. Should your house be chosen, all of the work will be done at no cost to you.

What will be done to my home?

This will depend on what you need. Our goal is to ensure your home provides a safe and warm environment. Work might include painting,

carpentry, weatherization, window replacement, furnace or hot water heater installation, fixing leaky roofs, electrical and plumbing repairs, wheelchair ramps, and more.

Who does the work on my home?

All work on your home is done by volunteers from throughout the Kansas City metropolitan area. On average, we typically have more than 4,000 volunteers – those that we call “unskilled” labor. In addition, over 400 skilled laborers offer their time and services. Union skilled labor may include plumbers, roofers, glazers, pipe fitters and electricians.

Of course, any assistance you, your family or friends can offer is always appreciated.

When will this work be done?

The Christmas in October program takes place the first two Saturdays in October, which will be the 2nd and 9th of 2010. This two-day event dedicates one Saturday to union skilled labor repairs and one to all other types of repairs.

Depending on the work to be done to your home, some skilled labor may take place before the two-day event and may occur whether or not your home is adopted by a volunteer group.

When will I find out if I'm part of the 2010 program?

The first step is in getting your home inspected. This year, inspections will take place on May 22, June 26 and, if needed, July 17. You will receive notice by mail of your home's



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scheduled inspection date. We do need for you to be at home on your assigned date. If you cannot be available, please call or email us and you will be included in our next inspection day event.

You will be notified by mail whether your home has been accepted into the program. Once your home is inspected and approved, it will be available for adoption. If a volunteer group selects your home, the volunteer House Captain will contact you in September to schedule a time to discuss your needs.

Please keep in mind, **not every house in the program will be adopted** by a volunteer group. However, depending on the work to be done to your home, some skilled labor jobs may take place whether or not your home is adopted by a volunteer group.

Thank you for working with Christmas in October.