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Dear Homeowner,

Thank you for your inquiry into the possibility of receiving services from **United Way of Eastern LaSalle County's Labor of Love** program. Labor of Love is a non-profit program, supported entirely by contributions of time, labor, materials and money. We are dedicated to repairing and rehabilitating homes of low-income senior homeowners, persons with disabilities, and families with children - - to make homes **warm, safe and dry**. Skilled and unskilled volunteers along with able-bodied members of the recipient's family and friends complete the repairs at no cost to the homeowner.

To be eligible for consideration in the program, you must:

- ✓ Own and live in your home with no plans to vacate or sell the home for one year.
- ✓ Reside in the Eastern LaSalle County area, specifically: (Dayton, Grand Ridge, Harding, Leland, Marseilles, Naplate, Ottawa, Seneca, Serena, Sheridan, or Wedron.)
- ✓ Meet household income eligibility requirements (see application) and provide proof of gross income for each member of your household.
- ✓ Be unable to make the necessary home repairs due to income, disability or a combination of the two.
- ✓ Complete, sign, and return the attached application, authorization for release of information, and homeowner waiver. **You must provide a COPY of your property deed, proof of homeowner's insurance, verification of household income, most recent COPY(s) of your bank statement(s), and COPY of your 2008 tax return.** Spouses of active duty military personnel must complete & provide all of the above information; as well as complete the Military Family Applicant information form and provide a copy of their active duty ID card and spouse's current military order.
- ✓ Agree, if chosen to receive Labor of Love services, to remain at home on October 3rd until all work is completed and all volunteers have departed.
- ✓ All pets must be confined or removed from the property.

All forms and required documentation must be returned to the United Way office by Tuesday, August 11, 2009. Applications received after the August 11th deadline or without the required documentation copies will not be considered for 2009 Labor of Love services.

If you are found to be eligible for Labor of Love assistance, a Labor of Love volunteer will contact you to set up a time to visit and evaluate your home repair needs. The Home Selection Committee will then determine if your home meets 2009 selection criteria. Please understand Labor of Love is not able to help everyone who applies to the program.

Labor of Love will take place October 3, 2009, rain or shine. We are in the process of reviewing homes, so please return your application as soon as possible. If you have questions call United Way of Eastern LaSalle County at 815-434-4003.

Sincerely,

Shelli Ocepek
Executive Director



United Way of Eastern LaSalle County

"LABOR OF LOVE"

October 3, 2009

Your support & involvement is vital to the success of "Labor of Love" - - a collective effort of our entire community!

What is "Labor of Love"?

Labor of Love is an annual one-day blitz to repair and rehabilitate the homes of the poor, elderly, and disabled. It is based on the belief that the age old idea of "barn raising" can be revived and applied to our community today to unite people of all walks of life to assist others in need. For some of our neighbors, properly maintaining a home can be an impossible task - - many cannot even provide themselves with the basic necessities we take for granted.

What repairs are done?

Labor of Love considers all repairs that can be done in one day, i.e. carpentry, plumbing, electrical, painting, weatherization, locksmithing, as well as trash removal, cleaning, window washing, and yard work.

Who is eligible to receive "Labor of Love" services?

Low income and disabled homeowners, the elderly in particular, who are not able to do the work themselves and cannot afford to hire the work done are eligible for Labor of Love services. Labor of Love assistance is available to persons who own their home and reside in the communities and rural areas of Dayton, Grand Ridge, Harding, Leland Marseilles, Naplate, Ottawa, Seneca, Serena, Sheridan, and Wedron. Applications for assistance are available after July 8, 2009 and completed forms must be turned in before August 11, 2009.

In 2003, Labor of Love expanded its traditional program to enable spouses of active duty personnel to apply for home repair assistance.

How are "Labor of Love" homes selected?

Various churches, social-service agencies, and individuals refer homeowners to Labor of Love. Illinois Department of Human Service and a Labor of Love Selection Committee screen applicants. The Labor of Love Planning Committee makes the difficult determination as to whether the homeowner meets the eligibility criteria, is in need and whether the home is within our purview.

Who can volunteer for "Labor of Love"?

Anyone fourteen years of age and older can be a Labor of Love volunteer. Volunteers come from churches, businesses, schools, community service groups, corporations, and interested individuals. They represent all walks of life and professions. Volunteers do not need to be skilled at home repairs, but any and all skills will be well-utilized.

Who organizes "Labor of Love"?

Labor of Love is a United Way of Eastern LaSalle County program. United Way organizes Labor of Love and plays a vital role in its continued success. Labor of Love receives contributions from individuals, churches, businesses, financial institutions, local labor and service organizations to purchase paint, lumber, nails, plumbing supplies, fixtures, etc. Homeowners are not expected to pay for any services or materials. All labor is donated. For more information contact United Way at (815)434-4003.



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Homeowner Application

To be eligible to participate in United Way of Eastern LaSalle County's 2009 Labor of Love program, your total family income must be at or below these guidelines:

1 person	\$21,500	4 persons	\$30,700
2 persons	\$24,550	5 persons	\$33,150
3 persons	\$27,650	6 persons	\$35,600

Note: The information requested on this form will be used to determine your eligibility for consideration for Labor of Love services. **YOU MUST COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM AND ALL ATTACHMENTS.** All information will be verified, regarded as confidential and reviewed only by the Labor of Love Home Selection Committee.

- I. List below each person who lives with you. **(List yourself first.)** List all gross income received including earned and unearned income (i.e. wages, unemployment, TANF assistance, unemployment compensation, social security, township assistance, pensions, interest, child support, alimony, etc.) for each individual who lives in your home.

Please Print or Type

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	MI	RELATION- SHIP TO YOU	SEX	BIRTH- DATE	MONTHLY INCOME	INCOME SOURCE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

2. Address: Street/Apt. # _____ City _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

3. Do you own the above property () Yes () No
(You must provide a copy of the property deed to verify ownership.)

4. Are you or any other household member listed above currently employed, on a temporary layoff or have been hired to work? () Yes () No If yes, please complete the following:

Name	Employer Name	Address
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. Do you or other household members receive: TANF/Public Aid, Medicare Medicaid, Social Security (SSI) Social Security Disability (SSDI), Food Stamps, other Government Assistance? _____
 Caseworker's Name _____ Phone Number _____
 Caseworker's Name _____ Phone Number _____
6. Do you or other household members receive Private Pension Benefits, Alimony, Child Support, any other sources of income? If yes, explain: _____

7. Name of all financial institution(s) where you have accounts _____

8. Do you or a member of your household own real estate other than your home?
 () Yes () No If yes, what is owned and where is the property(s) located?

9. Do you have savings, certificates of deposit, IRA's, 401(k)'s, money market accounts, stocks, bonds, or other assets? () Yes () No If yes, approximate value: _____ and name of financial institutions where deposited:

10. If your house is approved for assistance, what 3 projects would you like Labor of Love to consider, beginning with the most important project first?
 A. _____
 B. _____
 C. _____

I/we do hereby attest that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge. I/we realize failure to provide ALL information requested could result in our application being disqualified.

Signature of Homeowner(s): _____

Date: _____

RETURN THIS APPLICATION WITH THE ATTACHED AUTHORIZATION SIGNED BY EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OVER THE AGE OF 18 AND VERIFICATION OF INCOME; i.e. 2008 tax return, copy of social security letter, and/or pension check, disability papers, wage stubs or a signed and dated form from your employer verifying income, copy of your bank statement showing direct deposit(s) and all other account balances; and a COPY OF YOUR PROPERTY(S)' DEED:

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AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I/we hereby authorize my employer, government agency, Illinois Department of Human Service, financial institution, or other entity to release information to Labor of Love - - a program of United Way of Eastern LaSalle County - - or the person representing Labor of Love for the purpose of income, asset verification, property ownership, and household composition.

(Each member who lives in the home who is 18 years of age or older must sign this consent form.)

Failure to sign the consent form or to disclose all household residents and their income will result in denial of Labor of Love services.

Signatures: _____ date _____
(head of household)

_____ date _____
(spouse)

_____ date _____
(other household member over age 18)

_____ date _____
(other household member over age 18)

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street address and city

phone

Email



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HOMEOWNER'S AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

1. Voluntary Participation: I acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to the Labor of Love home repair project for repairs to my home to be performed by volunteers.

I understand time limitations, weather conditions, and expense may make some home projects impossible to complete. I agree to remain at home October 3, 2009, the day of the Labor of Love project, until all work is finished and volunteers have departed.

2. Release from Liability: In consideration of the opportunity afforded me to participate in the Labor of Love project, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, guardians, and legal representatives, will not hold responsible or make a claim against United Way of Eastern LaSalle County, Labor of Love, or any of its affiliated organizations, or either of their officers or directors collectively or individually, or the supplier of any materials or equipment that is used by Labor of Love, or any of the volunteer workers, for the injury or death to me or damage to my property, however caused, arising from my participation in the Project.

3. Knowing and Voluntary Execution: I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND I FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF ALL LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND UNITED WAY OF EASTERN LASALLE COUNTY LABOR OF LOVE, AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

SIGNED this ___ day of _____, 2009, in Eastern LaSalle County, Illinois.

Homeowner (Signature)

Witness (Signature)

Homeowner (Signature)

Witness Name (Please Print)

Homeowner (Signature)

Homeowner (Signature)

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

All persons named on the property deed as owners, including life estate & quitclaim deeds, must sign the Homeowner's Agreement and Release from Liability prior to any Labor of Love work provided.