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Dear Homeowner,

I would like to tell you about an exciting and unique opportunity that may be available to you. **United Way of Eastern LaSalle County's Labor of Love** is a non-profit program supported entirely by contributions of time, labor, materials, and money. Labor of Love is dedicated to repairing and rehabilitating homes owned by low-income seniors, people with disabilities, and families with children - - **to make their homes warm, safe, and dry.** Skilled and unskilled volunteers, along with able-bodied members of the homeowner's family and friends, complete the repairs at **no cost** to the homeowner.

To be eligible for consideration, you must:

- ✓ Own and live in your home with no plans to vacate or sell the home for 2-5 years.
- ✓ Reside in Eastern LaSalle County, 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 annual gross income for each member of your household age 18 and over.
- ✓ Be physically or financially unable to complete the home repairs yourself.
- ✓ Complete, sign, and return the attached application, authorization for release of information, and homeowner waiver. **You must provide a COPY of your property deed or title, proof of homeowner's insurance, verification of household income, most recent 2 COPIES of your bank statements, and COPY of your 2009 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 2nd until all work is completed and all volunteers have departed.
- ✓ Agree to confine or remove from my property all pets.

All forms and required documentation must be returned to the United Way office by Monday, August 23, 2010. Applications received after the August 23rd deadline or without the required documentation copies will not be considered for 2010 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 2010 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 2, 2010, 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



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Homeowner Application

To be eligible to participate in United Way of Eastern LaSalle County's 2010 Labor of Love program, your annual total household income must be at or below the following guidelines:

1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons
\$21,600	\$24,700	\$27,800	\$30,850	\$33,350	\$35,800

Note: The information requested on this form will be used to determine your eligibility for consideration for Labor of Love. **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.

Please Print or Type

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

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO YOU	SEX	AGE	MONTHLY INCOME	INCOME SOURCE	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
		Homeowner					

Address: _____ City _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone _____ Cell _____

Email: _____

Do you own the above property () Yes () No

Is your home paid for () Yes () No

If not, are you current on your mortgage payments? () Yes () No _____

Please provide a copy of your most recent mortgage statement.

How long have you lived in the house? _____

Do you plan on living in your home for the next 2-5 years? _____

Is homeowner(s) or anyone else residing in the home disabled? () yes () no

Type of disability: _____

Have you or any persons residing at this address been convicted of a felony? () yes () no

If so, please explain _____

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
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Do you or other household members receive: TANF/Public Aid, Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, (SSI), Social Security Disability (SSD), Food Stamps, Unemployment other Government Assistance? Please Explain _____

Caseworker's Name _____ Phone Number _____
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Do you or other household members receive Pensions/Annuities, Alimony, Child Support, Rental Income, other sources of income? If yes, explain: _____

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

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?

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: _____

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?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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 my/our application being disqualified.

Signature of Homeowner(s): _____

RETURN THIS APPLICATION WITH THE ATTACHED AUTHORIZATION SIGNED BY EACH HOUSEHOLD MEMBER OVER THE AGE OF 18 WITH VERIFICATION OF INCOME; 2009 tax return, copy of social security letter, pension check, disability papers, wage stubs or a signed and dated form from your employer verifying income, copy of your last 2 bank statements showing direct deposit(s) and all account balances; a COPY OF YOUR PROPERTY(S)' DEED or Title Policy and proof of current homeowner's insurance.

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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 _____
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street address and city

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Email



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Labor of Love 2010

HOMEOWNER'S AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

1. Voluntary Participation: I acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to the Labor of Love home repair program 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 2, 2010, 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 _____, 2010, 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.



United Way of Eastern LaSalle County

"LABOR OF LOVE"

October 2, 2010

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, Morway, Ottawa, Seneca, Serena, Sheridan, and Wedron. Applications for assistance are available after July 15, 2010 and completed forms must be turned in by August 20, 2010.

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.