



## News Release

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### **FUEL FUND SPONSORS 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "LIGHTS OUT" EVENT** *Maryvale Students Increase Fuel Fund Awareness*

*Towson, Md.* – On February 11, 2011, students at Maryvale Preparatory School in Brooklandville, MD, will hold their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual "Lights Out" event to increase awareness of the Fuel Fund of Maryland's mission. The student-run event, designed to provide the students with an understanding of the challenges faced by those in poverty or crisis, involves students spending the night in the school gym without the comfort of electricity.

This event serves as the finale of an in-school awareness week in which students work to educate not only their peers, but the larger community as well. "Lights Out" is a student-planned and run event that the students work to improve and expand for several months before and after.

Along with the sponsorship of the Fuel Fund, "Lights Out" also has received generous donations from local businesses, including: Baltimore Coffee & Tea Co.; The Bead; Costco; Fair Lanes Bowling; Glauber's Fine Candies; Giant Food; Kirchmayr Chocolatier; California Pizza Kitchen; The Cheesecake Factory; Coldstone Creamery; GT Pizza; Macaroni Grille; Papa John's Pizza; Starbuck's; Mars Supermarkets; 5 Wacky Women and TCBY.

Additionally, the Fuel Fund is currently looking to recruit additional school interested in starting a similar program with student leadership. If you are interested in starting a group at your school, please contact Danielle Phelps at 410-821-3022 ext. 106 or via email at [dphelps@fuelfundmaryland.org](mailto:dphelps@fuelfundmaryland.org) and say you are interested in Spread the Warmth.

#### **Background**

As a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, the Fuel Fund of Maryland, Inc. provides year-round home energy assistance to families in Central Maryland and has raised more than \$20 million to help nearly 100,000 Maryland families since 1981. The Fuel Fund also garners recognition year after year by receiving the Seal of Excellence from the Maryland Association of Nonprofits, which identifies nonprofit organizations that go above and beyond minimum legal requirements and hold the highest standards of ethics and accountability under the Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations' Standards for Excellence code. A resource in

energy conservation education, the Fuel Fund sponsors the Watt Watchers of Maryland™. For more information, visit the Web site at [www.fuefundmaryland.org](http://www.fuefundmaryland.org).