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EXTREME WINTER AND SUMMER WEATHER DOUBLES DEMAND FOR ASSISTANCE FROM FUEL FUND OF MARYLAND

Demand for Services Outstrips Fuel Fund Ability to Keep Pace with Requests.

WHAT: The Fuel Fund, a nonprofit which helps families unable to pay their utility bills, will report on the overwhelming demand for its services in 2010 and the outlook for 2011.

WHY: The 2010 record-breaking winter blizzards and heat waves combined with the economic downturn depleted the nonprofit's budget dedicated to requests for services. The nonprofit serves as the last resort for people seeking help to pay their utility and heating bills.

WHEN: Thursday, October 28, 2010 -- 10:30 a.m.

WHERE: Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation, 5513 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21212

WHO: Mary Ellen Vanni, executive director, Fuel Fund of Maryland

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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' Standard of 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.