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## **Free Service Provides Heat for Families**

Albuquerque, NM – The Plumbers & Pipefitters Local Union 412 and the Mechanical Contractors Association of NM, in conjunction with United Way of Central New Mexico, will provide free assistance to families as part of the 25th annual “Heat’s On” program on October 21, 2017. Members of Local 412 volunteer to service and turn on furnaces for low income seniors and families with a handicapped family member.

This year Local 412 will be providing this important service free of charge to 80 families. Participants are identified by the Office of Senior Affairs. The volunteers meet at the UA Local 412 union hall at 510 San Pedro SE at 7:30 a.m., where they are paired into two-person teams and given their assignments for the day. Each team services three to four homes. They change filters as needed, inspect the furnace, light the furnace, install smoke alarms and winterize evaporative coolers.

This program is part of the AFL-CIO Community Services Program in New Mexico, a partnership between United Way of Central New Mexico and the Central NM Labor Council. It supports working families through the 2-1-1 Information and Referral service as well as through a variety of service projects. Other examples of this important work are the annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive and monthly food pantries feeding more than 100 unemployed families.

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