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PRESS RELEASE

Housing Repair Sign-Up for Low Income Elderly (60+) Residents of Cherokee County

Jacksonville, TX, January 13, 2009: Low income, elderly (60+) residents of Cherokee County have an opportunity to sign up for general housing repairs on Thursday, January 15, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at HOPE (Helping Others Pursue Enrichment) located at 565 Ragsdale Street in Jacksonville. Income eligible clients will receive contracted repairs through grant funding from the Federal Home Loan Bank.

Attendees of the Housing Repair Sign-Up event need to bring a copy of their deed (land and trailer, if mobile), proof of income (Social Security Statement), and a photo ID. Clients will receive consultations on a first come, first served basis. Consultations are expected to last approximately 30 minutes. Clients may request general repairs, as well as roof, window, door, or floor repairs. Leveling or septic repairs are not available.

The sign up event is hosted by The East Texas Council of Governments Housing program and Area Agency on Aging, along with the Center for Housing Resources. For more information, contact ETCOG's Housing Coordinator, Karen Cline at (903)984-8641 x 220.

About ETCOG

The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) is a voluntary association of counties, cities, school districts and special districts within the fourteen-county East Texas region. ETCOG assists local governments in planning for common needs, cooperating for mutual benefit and coordinating for sound regional development. Established in 1970, ETCOG, either directly, or through its contractors, provides programs and services for East Texas seniors, employers, and job seekers. ETCOG and its contractors also build the 9-1-1 emergency call delivery system, provide peace officer training and homeland security planning services; and deliver rural transportation services, business finance programs, and environmental grant funding for the region.

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