



May 3, 2010

Dear Illinois Valley Neighbor:

Per your request or at the request of someone who cares about you, we are sending you an application to apply for home repair assistance through the Labor of Love program.

Labor of Love is a program coordinated by United Way of Illinois Valley, through which community volunteers come together for a one-day home repair effort to benefit elderly, disabled and low-income homeowners within the community.

The mission of the 100% volunteer-lead, Labor of Love committee, is to enable people to stay in their own homes longer by providing general home repair services to homeowners who either no longer have the physical ability or adequate income to manage general home repairs on their own.

All applications must be received at the United Way office (address shown below) no later than June 30, 2010. Please call me if you have questions about the program or if you need assistance completing the enclosed application form.

Sincerely,

Jan Martin
Project Coordinator

United Way of Illinois Valley
1157 First Street
LaSalle, IL 61301



IMPORTANT Program Information

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United Way of Illinois Valley is under no formal or legal obligation to provide home repairs or assistance. This is a 100% volunteer-lead program. By submitting an application for assistance you are inviting volunteers from your community to assist you with general home repairs in the same way that you might request help from family, neighbors or friends.

There are limits to the amount and type of work that can be performed by Labor of Love volunteers. Roofing repairs can only be done by a licensed, insured professional roofing company. The Labor of Love committee volunteers will make every effort to identify a roofing company that may be willing to sponsor or partner with the Labor of Love program.

Labor of Love committee volunteers will review all applications for assistance. The information that you provide in this application will be held confidential. It will be used by the committee only to assess the applicant's level of need in order to prioritize services to be performed. Homes will be selected based on home and homeowner needs, with considerations of the resources and volunteers available to complete specific tasks and home repairs.

If your home is selected by the Labor of Love committee volunteers, you will be notified by phone in July 2010. The volunteer Labor of Love coordinator will then request a meeting with the homeowner to identify key tasks/repairs to be completed on your home. Priority tasks will include: potential safety hazards, home security and standard weatherization.

On September 18, 2010, community volunteers and partnering trade professionals will complete the agreed upon tasks/repairs at no charge to the homeowner.

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for assistance through the Labor of Love program, homeowners must:

- Reside in the United Way of Illinois Valley service area as defined by the following communities: Cedar Point, Cherry, Dalzell, Earlville, Granville, Ladd, LaSalle, Lostant, Magnolia, Mark, McNabb, Mendota, Oglesby, Peru, Spring Valley, Standard, Tonica, Triumph, Troy Grove, Utica
- Own and reside in the single-family home that needs repair. No leased areas will be considered.
- Provide Proof of Home Ownership, proof of Home Owner's Insurance and Proof of Income.
- Submit an application by June 30, 2010.
- Have an annual income that falls within the range of the guidelines below:

Number of people in Household:	1	2	3	4	5	6
Annual Household Income is less than:	\$21,660	\$29,140	\$36,620	\$44,100	\$51,580	\$59,060

**200% of Federal Poverty Income Limits
as provided by the Energy Assistance Foundation*



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LABOR OF LOVE RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. THIS IS A LEGAL DOCUMENT.

I/we, the undersigned applicant(s) ("Applicant") hereby execute this Release and Waiver on the date noted below in favor of the United Way of Illinois Valley, Inc., a non-profit corporation, its directors, officers, employees, and volunteers agents (collectively, "United Way").

Applicant desires to participate in the Labor of Love program. Applicant understands that the United Way, through volunteer agents, may engage in construction and/or rehabilitation activities on my/our house.

Applicant does hereby freely, voluntarily and without duress execute this Release and Waiver under the following terms:

1. In consideration of Applicant's participation in the Labor of Love program, Applicant hereby releases, discharges, holds harmless and forever acquits the United Way of Illinois Valley, Inc., and its officers, agents, representatives and employees and/or other Labor of Love sponsors from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims or liabilities with respect to any way related to or arising out of my participation in the Labor of Love program. I understand that the United Way of Illinois Valley, Inc. does not assume any responsibility for or obligation to provide financial or other assistance, including but not limited to property, medical, health or disability insurance in the event of property damage, injury or illness.
2. Applicant understands that all efforts will be made by the United Way to complete Labor of Love activities on the program date of September 18, 2010. Applicant agrees that United Way is not obligated to provide any services or materials beyond the program date of September 18, 2010, even if contemplated services and materials are not completed on that date.
3. Applicant hereby grants and conveys unto the United Way all right, title and interest in any and all photographic images and video or audio recordings made by the United Way during Applicant's participation in the Labor of Love program.
4. Applicant agrees that this Release and Waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of Illinois.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Property Address: _____

LABOR OF LOVE Application Form

Name of Homeowner: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

**Please list below the names of each person residing in this home and their relationship to the homeowner.
Attach a separate sheet if needed.**

1		Age:			Relationship:	
2		Age:			Relationship:	
3		Age:			Relationship:	
4		Age:			Relationship:	
5		Age:			Relationship:	
6		Age:			Relationship:	

Homeowner please place your initials next to each statement below that is true and correct.

- _____ The Volunteers have my permission to take Before & After photographs of my home to document the services provided.
- _____ I agree to meet with the Volunteer Labor of Love Coordinator to assess key tasks/repairs needed on my home.
- _____ I own and reside in the home for which I am requesting home repair assistance.
- _____ This home is not listed for sale or lease and I have enclosed a copy of my most recent tax bill as Proof of Ownership.
- _____ This is a single family home occupied by the homeowner and residents as listed above.
- _____ I carry Home Owner's Insurance and have enclosed Proof of Insurance with my application.
- _____ I understand my income is one basis of eligibility for Labor of Love service.
- _____ I have provided a copy of my most recent tax return as Proof of Income.
- _____ I certify that the income information provided below is true and accurate.

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

PER MONTH

Social Security:	\$	
Supplement Security Income (SSI):	\$	
Pensions:	\$	
Aid/Families with Dependent Children:	\$	
Aid/Blind & Disabled/General Assistance:	\$	
Employment/Employer:	\$	
Self-Employment:	\$	
Unemployment Compensation:	\$	
Other (Specify):	\$	



Total Monthly Income > \$ _____ **x 12 = \$** _____
Total Annual Income

Signature of Home Owner: _____

Date: _____

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Homeowner Questionnaire

In order of priority, please list the general home repairs that you would like the Labor of Love Volunteers to assist you with.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____
4 _____
5 _____

Home Information:

What is the approximate age of home? _____

Total Number of Rooms _____

Total Number of Bathrooms _____

Do you have smoke detectors? _____

How many are installed in the home? _____

When were the batteries last changed? _____

Do you have carbon monoxide detectors? _____

How many are installed in the home? _____

When were the batteries last changed? _____

Are there any pets in your home? _____

What if any special arrangements are necessary to keep pets safe and out of the way?

Are you aware of any mold growth at your home? _____

Are you aware of any asbestos in your home? _____

Are you aware of any poison ivy or poison oak on the property? _____

Are you aware of any insect or rodent problems at your home? _____

Do you or anyone else in your home have any physical or mental disabilities that volunteers should be aware of while assessing the repairs needed in your home or while working in your home?

Have you applied for home repair assistance through the Labor of Love program in the past? _____

Have Labor of Love Volunteers performed work on your home in the past? _____ Year? _____

Please provide the name and phone number of the person(s) to contact in the event of an emergency or to assist you with home repair decisions on Labor of Love Day. (Sep 9/18/2010)

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

If your home is selected to for the Labor of Love Project, who among your family or friends may be available to work with the Labor of Love Volunteers to complete the repairs needed on your home?

PLEASE MAIL YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND QUESTIONNAIRE TO :

United Way of Illinois Valley
Labor of Love
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LaSalle, IL 61301