



Muskegon – Oceana Community Action Partnership, Inc.
1170 W. Southern Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49441

For Immediate Release

Please announce the following not-for-profit programming

Muskegon & Oceana County Residence to be Dialed into Phone Savings

Muskegon, Michigan & Shelby, Michigan – June 23, 2009

Muskegon – Oceana Community Action Partnership, Inc. (MOCAP) is proud to announce that the SafeLink Wireless Program will be available to residence of both Muskegon and Oceana Counties through our agency action centers beginning July 1st. SafeLink Wireless offers a free cellular option to those who are low-income individuals and households in need of economic relief.

SafeLink Wireless is owned and operated under the umbrella of Miami – based TracFone Wireless, Inc. SafeLink Wireless is able to offer such a substantial amount of assistance to low-income individuals and households because of its partnership with the MPSC and other governmental agencies that operate the Lifeline Assistance Program.

The MPSC and other governmental agencies offer the Lifeline Assistance Program so that individuals and households who are in financial straits will

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have a means of communication with vital services, such as: emergency services (911), doctor's offices, pharmacies, employers and potential employers, etc. There are multiple Lifeline Assistance Programs available through various service providers; however, not all programs offer a free phone and a free monthly allotment of minutes to those who qualify. Most Lifeline Assistance Programs offer discounted service options. Program participants are eligible to participate in one Lifeline Assistance Program. If an individual is currently participating in a Lifeline Assistance Program through another service provider they are free to cancel their current service prior to inquiring about the SafeLink Wireless Program offered through MOCAP.

Individuals and families who participate in one or more governmental assistance programs have been deemed eligible for the SafeLink Wireless Program. The assistance programs are as follows: Federal Public Housing Assistance / Section 8, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), National School Lunch (free program only), or Medicaid. SafeLink Wireless also offers an option for applicants to apply solely based on income if they do not participate in any assistance programs.

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The application process is streamlined; it takes only minutes to complete the application and applicants will usually know within hours if their application has been approved. Those interested in applying for this assistance are free to call one of our action centers for details beginning July 1st.

Eastview @ (231) 788-2479
5400 E. Apple
Muskegon, MI 49442

Heights @ (231) 733-4438
273 E. Broadway
Muskegon Hts., MI 49444

Townsend @ (231) 722-7608
313 Jackson Avenue
Muskegon, MI 49442

Oceana @ (231) 861-5767
569 S. State St.
Shelby, MI 49455

Mr. Shelton – Executive Director of MOCAP says, “This is a tremendous opportunity for individuals who cannot afford the cost of another bill. It provides essential help in time of crisis because communication is always vital; the voice mail option alone eliminates the need for scrambling to find a message phone.

MOCAP is a private nonprofit 501(C) 3 corporation, committed to eliminating the causes, conditions and effects of poverty, by helping low to moderate-income individuals and families become more self-sufficient, improving the conditions in which they live and enabling them to own a stake in their communities. Agency assistance programs include Emergency Services, Weatherization, Senior Project FRESH, Senior Chore Services, USDA Commodity Distributions and more.

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