





## MEDI-COOL PROGRAM

With funding from the Mercer County Department of Human Services Office on Aging, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton and Rise, A Community Service Partnership, of Hightstown, have partnered to provide 5,000 BTU Air Conditioning Units to needy senior or disabled residents of Mercer County, NJ.

Catholic Charities and Rise will screen applicants for eligibility from May 1 to June 8, 2015. Approved applicants will receive a voucher and be scheduled to pick up their air conditioner from a storage facility in Trenton on a specific date and time.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- Age 60 and above with a disability or illness that restricts normal daily tasks, threatens one's ability to live independently, or puts one at risk of harm due to unfavorable environmental conditions.
- Age 18 and above with a disability and currently receiving SSI or SSD.
- Income at or below 200% of poverty line.
- Assets less than \$2,000.
- Must not have received an air conditioner through this program within the last three (3) years.

## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

- Proof of income (recent paystub, disability award letter, etc.)
- Prescription from primary care physician (must specify medical illness/condition and reasoning for needing an air conditioner)
- Proof of assets (recent bank statement)
- Proof of residence (utility bill, lease, etc.)
- Individuals who quality must bring someone with them who can help carry the air conditioner home from the scheduled pick-up appointment.



For more information or to schedule an eligibility screening, interested agencies or individuals may contact one of the programs listed below:

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