



METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

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Thank You Nashville for Making a Difference!

I've done several interviews over the last few weeks concerning our agency's effort to assist people in the community who are less fortunate. I've shared with all who would listen how the citizens of Nashville came together by making donations, checking on elderly persons in the neighborhood and looking out for each other during the triple digit temperatures that hit our city. The Metropolitan Action Commission provided much needed air conditioners to 638 residents of Davidson County. Last year that number was 198.

Am I surprised? No, I've said it over and over again. The Metropolitan Action Commission receives the equivalent of over 33,000 volunteer hours each year through goods and services donated by this community to help the poor. We don't want to imply that this was our effort alone. We wish to thank those churches, community centers, synagogues, other places of worship as well as citizens and other partner agencies and state government, which helped to make a difference.

We would also like to thank all of the media outlets that helped us get the information out to the city regarding this program as early as the month of May, when the temperatures began to rise. The Channel 4 News staff (local NBC affiliate) coordinated a drive that yielded nearly 300 air conditioning units donated to our agency. NewsChannel 5 (local CBS affiliate), Fox 17 News (local FOX affiliate) and News 2 (local ABC affiliate) have also provided great coverage of this program to let the community know about the needs of the families we serve. It was awesome to see them come together for the common cause of relieving families from the oppressive heat. We also thank our daily newspapers, The Tennessean and The Nashville City Paper for their coverage as well.

The volunteer spirit that was displayed in this city over the last few weeks is one of the many reasons that Nashville is a city in which we can all be proud to call home.

Sincerely,


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