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City of Franklin Rolls out Voluntary Roundup Program *Citizens Can Donate to Affordable/Moderately Priced Housing Program*

Franklin—For just a few cents every month, or a few dollars a year, citizens in Franklin can help reduce the overall price of a new home for families that cannot typically afford to buy a house. Through the Voluntary Roundup Program, utility bill customers will receive a sign-up form in their bills beginning March 15th and be asked to round-up their utility bills to the nearest dollar, with the extra change going to the program.

On average a person's annual contribution would be about six dollars and never exceed \$12.00 a year. The extra change will be placed into a special fund designated for affordable and moderately priced housing. The collected money will reduce the overall price of a new home for those who can't afford it by paying for water and wastewater fees that are required with new construction.

"This program was initiated by a group of Franklin volunteers dedicated to creating diverse housing options in Franklin," said Mayor John Schroer. "I hope every citizen in Franklin understands their contribution will go a long way in helping families who may be less fortunate, achieve the dream of purchasing a new home."

Donations to the Affordable/Moderately priced housing program will also be accepted from corporations, developers and interested citizens. Checks can be made out to the City of Franklin and mailed to PO Box 487, Franklin TN 37065. Please mark Roundup Program on the check.

To qualify for the Roundup funds families must meet the income levels defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"This is an easy way for Franklin Citizens to contribute to the Affordable/Moderately Priced Housing Program," said Alderman Pearl Bransford, "We never know when we, our children or a neighbor may be a recipient of this service."

"I hope this program attracts young families to Franklin. Young workers who are just starting out, like teachers, firefighters and City of Franklin employees, who can cultivate the vitality of our City," said Alderman Michael Skinner.

You can also elect to join the Roundup Program online. For more information go to www.franklintn.gov/roundup_program.

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