



ENERGY EFFICIENCY DELIVERED

Providing Oberlin With Efficiency Responsibly (POWER) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) grassroots environmental justice organization whose mission is to increase the energy efficiency of homes, small businesses, non-profit organizations, and churches in Oberlin, Ohio and the surrounding area.

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From the Board Chair

The last year has required shifts and changes to the way many of us do our work. Much of what POWER does involves in-home site visits by Greg Jones, your Energy Advocate. This work was simply not possible for much of 2020. In spite of these setbacks, POWER was still able to help 21 Oberlin residents insulate their homes and start saving money and energy. We expect 2021 to be a robust and active year for improving the efficiency of Oberlin homes. POWER is launching a new program targeting Oberlin's renters and rental property owners that will help them make improvements to their homes at minimal to no cost. Investing in energy efficiency can improve the quality of life in a home, reduce the cost of utility bills, and increase the rental and resale value of a property. Look for more information in your mailbox this summer about how to begin a project. POWER remains committed to creating a community of comfortable, affordable, and healthy homes.

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

Home Walk-Throughs Completed	38
Audits Completed	27
Homes Weatherized	21
Average Value of Weatherization	\$2,597.13
Homeowner Cost Savings	73.5%

Calling All Rental Owners and Tenants...Comfort and Savings are Here!

Rental properties make up over 40% of Oberlin's housing stock. To bring energy efficiency to everyone, POWER is excited to announce the Rental Property Efficiency Program specifically at rental properties. Using the same sliding scale it uses for other homeowners, POWER will provide energy efficiency grants to owners of rental properties. This funding is on top of the rebates available through City and utility programs. Low-income tenants could mean the cost of efficiency upgrades is FREE. Low-income property owners may also qualify for 100% funding. Even high-income owners could have up to 70% of the cost covered. POWER will also pay for the cost of the energy audits to get the process started. This pilot program is made possible by a grant from the Green Edge Fund, a program funded and run by students to promote environmental sustainability within the Oberlin College & City community.

**Last year, Oberlinians received \$4,800 in Super Rebates on efficient home products through the Efficiency Smart rebate program!
Visit www.energysmart.org/oberlin-ohio to learn more.**

Grateful Homeowner Highlights Greg's "Above and Beyond" Customer Service

Making your home more energy efficient can feel complicated. From conversations with homeowners who have used POWER's programs, it's clear that Greg's customer service makes all the difference. We recently had the chance to talk with Lori Spurlock, a long-time Oberlin resident.

"I am a widow, and I find dealing with home-maintenance and upgrades pretty intimidating. Greg is a very professional kind-hearted man. Having him involved was a huge burden off my shoulders."

Spurlock reported that Greg helped from beginning to end, including setting up the energy audit, finding all possible rebates, and choosing a high-quality contractor. "It's a seamless process. It was almost like having my hand held!" she said. "I got a boat-load of things done. My home was insulated, a crawl-space was tarped... all for a fraction of the cost." Spurlock mentioned that she also appreciated the fact that the contractors POWER works with have been vetted, so homeowners don't have to worry about who to call, or whether they can be trusted.

Spurlock went on to say "everyone qualifies for this program, so give Greg a call He is a person you can trust."

**Think you can't afford to retrofit your home?
Think again!**

POWER offers financial assistance for ALL Oberlin residents. Call Greg to save hundreds on home efficiency upgrades!*

**While all Oberlin residents qualify for assistance, specific amounts depend on household income*



Oberlin resident Lori Spurlock

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