

# Walk for Warmth on Saturday

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Walk for Warmth, an event to raise awareness and funds to support utility assistance through the Community Action Agency, will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 23, at Adrian High School, 785 Riverside Ave.

Burt Fenby, Lenawee County director at Community Action Agency, said federal and state funding to assist with those struggling with paying heat and utility bills has decreased over the years, yet the need remains the most common request through 211 and other public assistance programs.

All of the funds pledged and raised Saturday will assist eligible individuals with utility needs to avoid shutoff and the fees associated with reconnection.

"It currently takes a shutoff notice to get help," Fenby said.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., with the walk — a two-mile route and a one-mile route — to start at 10 a.m. A closing ceremony with light refreshments will take place at 11 a.m. Shirts and wristbands will also be sold onsite.

The event is a cooperative effort between the Lenawee County Department of Human Services, Lenawee United Way, the Salvation Army, Community Action Agency, Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Michigan, Housing Help of Lenawee, Citizens Gas, Midwest Energy and Consumers Energy.

The money raised Saturday will be distributed by the Community Action Agency. For more details or pledge forms, call the CAA at 263-7861.