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Students Build Tiny House to Benefit Seniors

Metro Community Services, a nonprofit human services agency offering supportive and energy conservation services to Southwest Idaho, is partnering with the COSSA Regional Technology & Education Center (CRTEC) for Project Tiny House. The project will provide educational opportunities for students (grades 7-12) by building a tiny house from start to finish, and will provide an opportunity to give back to senior citizens in their communities. The design of the tiny house was created by Brian Crabb, designer for FYI Network's nationally syndicated reality TV show "Tiny House Nation."

The educational objective of this project is to teach students the importance of energy conservation and how they can apply those measures in the world around them. All materials for the tiny house will be provided by Metro Community Services, and the students will receive guidance from their CRTEC instructors. The goals for this project:

- Train students on construction, roofing, and insulation techniques.
- Provide students with opportunities to increase skill levels.
- Promote discipline, problem solving, and leadership skills.
- Prepare students for future education and careers.
- Create awareness for the issues that elderly, disabled, and financially limited individuals face in our communities.

Upon completion, Metro Community Services will utilize the tiny house to promote the organization's services as well as the programs offered at CRTEC. The tiny house will be displayed at organization events, conventions, and home shows, and will then be raffled off at Metro Meals on Wheels' annual Culinary Walkabout fundraiser at the Boise Centre on May 4, 2017. All proceeds of the sale of the tiny house will go to Metro Community Services.

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About Metro Community Services

Metro Community Services is a non-profit human services agency offering supportive and energy conservation services in Southwest Idaho. Its mission is to provide assistance to elderly, disabled, and financially limited individuals, through a variety of human service programs, to promote self-sufficiency, and to protect dignity, safety, and independence. More information can be found at www.metrocommunityservices.net.

About CRTEC

The COSSA Regional Technology & Education Center (CRTEC), which consists of the COSSA Academy (Grades 7-12) and Professional-Technical Education (PTE) programs, offers academic and professional-technical courses which are available to the students of the five school districts that make up the COSSA consortium. The COSSA consortium includes: Homedale, Marsing, Notus, Parma, and Wilder school districts. More information can be found at www.cossaschools.org.