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Hot Temps Arrive as Cool for Wake Offers a Breeze of Sweet Relief

When the temperature soars into the 80s, many of us bump the thermostat down to stay cool. But for many Wake County residents who don't have air conditioning, it's simply not that easy to beat the heat.

From mid-May through mid-September, residents can help their neighbors stay comfortable during the summer heat. Wake County Human Services' Cool for Wake program provides fans and air conditioners to qualifying residents, making this season easier to bear.

"Throughout all communities in Wake County, there are many people who struggle to meet their food, housing and utility bill needs," said Regina Petteway, Wake County Human Services Director. "Cool for Wake is one resource to help improve the quality of life for someone in your community this summer."

Qualifying for Assistance

Wake County low income households with at least one person age 60 or over or age 12 and under without a working air conditioning unit may qualify for a 20-inch box fan. Supplies are extremely limited and are dependent on community donations.

Additionally, households meeting Cool for Wake criteria that have at least one person with a documented history of a chronic respiratory illness may qualify for a window air conditioning unit.

Air conditioners are purchased, delivered and in some cases installed, through our partnership with the [REALTOR® Foundation of Wake County](#).

A \$20 donation covers the cost of a fan and a \$100 donation will fund a window air conditioning unit.

Applying for Services

To request a fan or window air conditioning unit, residents should apply in person at one of the [Wake County Human Services offices](#) on Swinburne or Millbrook roads in Raleigh or at our regional centers in Cary, Fuquay-Varina, Raleigh, Wake Forest and Zebulon.

Donating to Cool for Wake

The easiest way to donate to Cool for Wake is to [make a financial donation online](#). All funds received go directly to families in need as program administrative costs are funded through the Wake County budget.

To coordinate an in-kind donation of a fan or air conditioner, contact Denise Kissel at (919) 212-7083 or denise.kissel@wakegov.com. Learn more about [Cool for Wake](#).

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