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THE MASSACHUSETTS GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND CAMPAIGN PROVIDED WARMTH TO 1,341 HOUSEHOLDS DURING THE 2023-2024 SEASON

CANTON, MA, October 18, 2024 -- The Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund, a cooperative effort between the state's sponsoring energy companies and their customers to help households in temporary financial crisis pay their energy bills, announces that its 2023-2024 "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign raised \$510,703 in contributions and provided energy assistance to 1,341 households in need.

"A big 'thank you' to the Fund's sponsoring energy companies throughout the state, their customers and members of the corporate community for their generosity, even during these times when we are all still experiencing higher prices for necessities. Everyone provided warmth through their donations to those in need and helped us exceed our fundraising goal of \$500,000," said Justin Stearns, Chairperson of the 2024-2025 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Manager of Credit & Collections for Unitil/Fitchburg Gas & Electric.

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The Fund is often the last resort for families who have not qualified for federal and state assistance programs. The Salvation Army Massachusetts Division, which administers the Fund throughout Massachusetts, pays the energy provider directly for households whose gross income falls between 60 and 80 percent of the state's median income levels. For example, in the 2024-2025 GNEF campaign year, a household size of four would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$94,609 and \$126,144 to qualify.

Since its establishment in 1985, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund has raised over \$25 million and helped more than 96,000 families in need pay a month's energy expense. For more information, please magoodneighbor.org.