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**THE MASSACHUSETTS GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND CAMPAIGN  
PROVIDED WARMTH TO 1,683 INDIVIDUALS DURING 2020-2021 SEASON**

CANTON, MA, November 16, 2021 -- 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 2020-2021 "Give The Gift of Warmth" campaign raised \$574,301 in contributions and provided energy assistance to 1,683 individuals in need. The Fund has reopened for the 2021-22 year and applications are being accepted from all households that are eligible for assistance. The Fund disbursement for 2021-22 is \$500 per eligible household per heating season.

"Even in the face of the pandemic and increased unemployment, the residents of the Commonwealth continued to be generous to those in need of energy assistance throughout the winter and into the spring. In fact, we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$500,000," said Mary Ellen Molloy, Chairperson of the 2021-2022 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Regulatory Affairs Specialist for Eversource Energy. "On behalf of all the households that received assistance, we would like to thank the Fund's sponsoring energy companies throughout the state, their customers and members of the corporate community who helped provide warmth through their donations."

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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 this 2021-2022 GNEF campaign year, a household size of four would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$78,752 and \$105,101 to qualify.

Since its establishment in 1985, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund has raised over \$23 million and helped more than 92,000 families in need pay a month's energy expense. For more information, please visit [www.magoodneighbor.org](http://www.magoodneighbor.org).