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**THE MASSACHUSETTS GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND CAMPAIGN  
PROVIDED WARMTH TO 1,190 HOUSEHOLDS DURING 2021-2022 SEASON**

CANTON, MA, October 13, 2022 -- 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 2021-2022 "Give The Gift of Warmth" campaign raised \$563,472 in contributions and provided energy assistance to 1,190 households in need. The Fund will reopen for the 2022-23 year next Monday, October 17, 2022, when applications will be accepted from all households that are eligible for assistance. The Fund disbursement for 2022-23 is \$500 per eligible household per heating season.

"Even in the face of the country's historic inflation numbers, the residents of the Commonwealth continued to be generous to those in need of energy assistance throughout the winter and spring. In fact, we exceeded our fundraising goal of \$500,000," said Marie McCabe, Chairperson of the 2022-2023 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Customer Service Representative for North Attleborough Electric Department. "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 the 2022-2023 GNEF campaign year, a household size of four would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$81,562 and \$108,748 to qualify.

Since its establishment in 1985, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund has raised over \$23.5 million and helped more than 93,250 families in need pay a month's energy expense. For more information, please visit [www.magoodneighbor.org](http://www.magoodneighbor.org).