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THE MASSACHUSETTS GOOD NEIGHBOR ENERGY FUND CAMPAIGN PROVIDED WARMTH TO 1,280 HOUSEHOLDS DURING THE 2024-2025 SEASON

CANTON, MA, October 15, 2025 -- 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 2024-2025 "Give the Gift of Warmth" campaign raised \$556,779 in contributions and provided energy assistance to 1,280 households in need.

"We would like to thank the Fund's sponsoring energy companies throughout the state, their customers and members of the corporate community for their generosity to those in need of home energy assistance. Everyone provided warmth through their donations and helped the Fund exceed its fundraising goal of \$500,000," said Justin Stearns, Chairperson of the 2025-2026 Good Neighbor Energy Fund campaign and Manager of Credit & Collections for Unitil/Fitchburg Gas & Electric. Stearns added that the Fund is currently closed but will open for the 2025-2026 season to all eligible households this coming Monday, October 20, 2025.

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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 2025-2026 GNEF campaign year, a household size of four would need to have a total gross yearly income of between \$99,574 and \$132,764 to qualify.

Since its establishment in 1985, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund has raised over \$25.5 million and helped more than 97,500 families in need pay a month's energy expense. For more information, please magoodneighbor.org.