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This press release has been updated to include continued donations – see below.

Washington Gas Donations Support DC-Area Coronavirus Response and Relief Activity

Funding distributed in first round goes to eight local non-profit organizations providing crucial goods and services to disproportionately impacted community groups

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 13, 2020) -- Washington Gas today announced it is donating \$150,000 in a first round of ongoing funding that will be distributed among eight local non-profit organizations to support their efforts in providing essential services to those in need during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The contributions are part of a [\\$1 million commitment](#) by AltaGas, the parent company of Washington Gas, to support community partners across its operating regions in North America.

“In this unprecedented time when resources are strained and demand for help is high, Washington Gas is dedicated to supporting our local community and the groups that provide critical goods and services for those who are struggling,” said Blue Jenkins, President of Washington Gas. “We are proud to give financial assistance to these organizations as they work tirelessly to lend a caring hand to our most vulnerable neighbors. We thank these giving community organizations for all they do on the front lines of COVID-19 each and every day.”

Local charitable organizations that serve the DC-region are busy providing a range of critical services for individuals and families while facing an increase in demand, to ensure that vital resources reach the elderly, sick and lower income during the public health crisis. Washington Gas’ funding will be used to assist these efforts, including covering costs for food services, health care, shelter and COVID-related safety protection, among other needs.

Donations will be made to the following organizations:

- **United Way National Capital Region** - United Way of the National Capital Area (United Way NCA) has reactivated its Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) to promote the health, education and financial stability of our community in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. This includes investments to provide economic assistance and access to vital healthy food and basic need supplies to the thousands of school-age children who depend on their school’s meal programs and workers in the region who already have and will be impacted by the temporary loss of income. Donate [here](#).
- **Greater Washington Community Foundation** - The Greater Washington Community Foundation’s COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund is raising and deploying critical

resources to nonprofits addressing the urgent health and economic needs of disproportionately impacted communities. Donate [here](#).

- **Community Foundation for Northern Virginia** - The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia has established a COVID-19 Response Fund which provides flexible funding resources to nonprofit organizations and other programs in our region responding to the crisis, with a focus on support to those who are disproportionately impacted by the virus and its economic consequences. Donate [here](#).
- **DC Central Kitchen** - In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the DC Central Kitchen is ramping up its efforts to provide emergency meals for kids and seniors and grocery bags for DC families in need. Donate [here](#).
- **Mary's Center** – In response to the COVID-19 epidemic, Mary's Center has increased telemedicine services to serve its participants virtually, purchased additional cleaning supplies to keep clinics clean, and has invested in an unprecedented amount of personal protective equipment to keep providers safe. Donate [here](#).
- **Shepherd's Table** - Shepherd's Table is increasing its capacity in response to COVID-19 to be able to serve more community members in need, including providing meals for seniors sheltering in place and other individuals experiencing food insecurity. Donate [here](#).
- **United Communities Against Poverty** – United Communities Against Poverty is responding to the COVID-19 crisis by keeping its food pantry stocked, distributing food for the emergency homeless shelter, purchasing personal protective equipment for staff and shelter residents, and providing emergency hotel stays for residents that exhibit COVID-19 symptoms. Donate [here](#).
- **AARP (DC region)** As part of a larger effort around COVID-19, AARP Foundation is funding solutions aimed at increasing social connections for low income seniors to help them stay connected to each other and their communities. Donate [here](#).

Washington Gas recognizes that many of its customers are experiencing great stress and strain from the COVID-19 crisis and understands the essential role of natural gas in customers' daily lives. During these challenging times, Washington Gas is suspending disconnections and waiving late fees on customer bills until this crisis is over. The company is also offering payment arrangements to meet customers' needs to help the community get through this difficult period.

For more on how Washington Gas is supporting customers and the community as we fight Covid-19 together, visit: washingtongas.com/media-center/coronavirus

Update, May 20, 2020

Washington Gas Continues Donations to Local Non-Profits in Support of COVID-19 Emergency Assistance

Washington Gas has continued to provide funding to local DC-area non-profit organizations to support their efforts in providing assistance for those in need during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. A total of \$14,500 was distributed to the groups listed below. Washington Gas remains committed to helping the community and charitable organizations on the front line each and every day as we continue to experience the challenges and stress caused by the public health crisis.

Martha's Table – The funds will support a partnership with DC Health, the Capital Area Food Bank, and DC Public Schools to ensure bags of groceries are available at designated select school sites.

Martha's Table is a local nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C., with a mission to support strong children, strong families, and strong communities. Martha's Table exists because every child, regardless of zip code, should have the opportunity to thrive. For 40 years, the organization has been working to increase access to quality education, health and wellness resources, and family supports. For more information and to get involved, please visit: <https://marthastable.org/covid19/>.

The Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier – Donation dollars will go toward efforts to work closely with The Salvation Army to promote and distribute financial aid from the Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF), the energy assistance program created by Washington Gas and The Salvation Army more than 35 years ago. The funds will support both rent and utility payment assistance. The grant will be leveraged and matched with other foundation donations. To learn more about the donation, please view press release [here](#).

Founded in 1999 by local volunteers, the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit designed to grow community giving in Loudoun and northern Fauquier counties, surrounding areas and across the nation. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has granted more than \$7.5 million back into the community. Donors who include the Community Foundation in their philanthropic vision benefit from low fees, knowledgeable staff, and personal assurance that legal and accounting issues are managed under one cost-effective banner: the Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. CommunityFoundationLF.org, GiveChoose.org, and FacesofLoudoun.org (703) 779-3505. <https://communityfoundationlf.org/product/emergencyrelief/>.

Food & Friends – The donation will support the delivery of essential meals to clients throughout the region who are severely ill and have compromised immune systems.

Monday through Saturday, Food & Friends delivers nutritionally-tailored, delicious meals directly to clients' homes. Each delivery includes food for breakfast, lunch and dinner, along with liquid nutritional supplements, as needed. A staff of community dietitians and professional chefs works closely to provide individualized services. Food & Friends offers 11 specialized meal plans to meet clients' nutritional needs. <http://foodandfriends.org/covid19/>.

Manna Food – Funds will support the Montgomery County, Maryland nonprofit group as they expand their food distribution, including partnering with Montgomery County Public Schools to distribute three meals a day to students 18-years-old and under. The organization has temporarily lifted income requirements for families in need until June 2020.

Manna's mission is to end hunger in Montgomery County, Maryland through food distribution, education and advocacy believing that the community is a place where all people at all times have access to safe, sufficient, nutritious food in order to lead fulfilling lives with dignity. Manna increases access to nutritious food for all those experiencing hunger and food insecurity, strengthens community food skills that empower healthy eating, and connects the needy to resource providers and to each other. <https://www.mannafood.org/covidresponse/>.

Food Pantry -- Washington Gas donations will support the Food Pantry serving Springfield, Virginia (<https://www.foodpantries.org/ci/va-springfield>) as well as the Amazing Grace Food Pantry serving Capon Bridge, West Virginia (https://www.foodpantries.org/ci/wv-capon_bridge).

Food Pantry is a distribution center where hungry families can receive food. Supplied with food from a food bank with a network that can connect people to locations for food across the U.S., Food Pantry is a non-profit resource to help feed families in need.

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