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## 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](http://washingtongas.com/media-center/coronavirus)

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