

Community Service Award

This award recognizes SGA member companies that have gone the extra mile in service and outreach for their communities.

Entry Requirements	Judging Criteria
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Service Award may be directed at either domestic or international problem-solving. • Nominations must honor a specific action, decision, program or initiative (philanthropic monetary donations alone are not eligible). • Each entry must demonstrate definite, substantive results during the eligible calendar year. • A member company may nominate more than one activity. • Programs that have previously received an SGA Community Service Award are not eligible. • A previous winner may submit a different program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals and Plan of Actions Clearly Defined and Executed • Measurable Results • Originality and Innovativeness • Corporate Leadership Involvement • Lasting Company Impact • Program Sustainability • Employee Involvement • Fun Factor (If Applicable)

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Nomination CS-1	
SGA Member Company Name	Kodiak Gas Services, LLC
Program Name	<i>Kodiak Cares Foundation, LLC</i>
Program Description	Kodiak Gas Services created a foundation – The Kodiak Cares Foundation was created in 2021 with one key focus: to create positive change and support employees, charities, and organizations in the communities where Kodiak operates and calls home. There are three parts of the Kodiak Cares Foundation — Employee Assistance Fund, Kodiak Gives Back, and the Scholarship Assistance Fund.
Results of/Response to the Program	The program was received wonderfully and results will be shared in our 2021 sustainability report in regards to the number of employees we helped, the communities we made a change in and the charities we supported.
Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”	Kodiak Cares Foundation illustrated how Kodiak Gas Services puts our workforce and the communities we operate in first in everything we do.
Supporting Documents	Click to view.

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Nomination CS-2	
SGA Member Company Name	CenterPoint Energy
Program Name	<i>Winter Storm Uri Greater Houston Area Community Response</i>
Program Description	CenterPoint Energy developed a three-pronged strategy to support Houston and surrounding communities after Winter Storm Uri created immediate and significant hardships. See attached material for full description.
Results of/Response to the Program	Please see attached material for a full description of the impact of CNP's community response.
Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”	Please see attached description for a full explanation of the program's impact to connecting people with substantial relief efforts.
Supporting Documents	Click to view.
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Nomination CS-3	
SGA Member Company Name	Memphis Light, Gas and Water
Program Name	<i>MLGW Utility Assistance One Stop</i>
Program Description	Memphis Light, Gas and Water (MLGW) is the nation's largest three-service municipal utility, serving more than 429,000 customers in Shelby County where approximately 30 percent of customers live below the poverty level. To aid those customers, MLGW hosted the Utility Assistance One Stop on August 21, 2021. This was a half-day hybrid event (drive-thru and in-person) providing customers with access to utility assistance, energy conservation information and materials, and food resources. The pandemic caused many organizations to shutter their offices and deliver services electronically. Unfortunately, approximately 20

	<p>percent of Memphians do not have access to high-speed internet, and the 80 percent who do have access get mediocre service with fewer than 10 percent of Memphians having service via a fiber line. With millions of dollars available for utility assistance and the 2020-2021 fiscal year ending on September 30, 2021, MLGW partnered with local utility assistance providers to present the Utility Assistance One-Stop on August 21, 2021. While all attendees could receive information and resources, this event was targeted to customers eligible to apply for LIHEAP assistance but had not applied in the current fiscal year. MLGW partnered with the Midsouth Food Bank, Gethsemane Gardens Church of Christ, the Vollintine Evergreen Community Association, and local utility assistance providers to host the event. Approximately 60 MLGW employees volunteered to staff resources stations and distribute information the day of the event. Pre-event media can be found by clicking here. To address local COVID-19 gathering guidelines, this was a hybrid event. Upon vehicles arriving at the event, they were given an information/screening card by volunteers to complete. The screening card was given to staff at the LIHEAP station to begin screening for LIHEAP eligibility. After returning the card, attendees drove by various stations to receive the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) a two-week supply of non-perishable food; 2) Energy-saving information and weatherization kit; 3) MLGW CARES packet with information about MLGW and other special programs; 4) Three stops with utility assistance applications/information and 5) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) screening and/or application processing. <p>At the last station, customers were notified if they were eligible to apply for LIHEAP. At that point, customers were allowed to enter the host facility to complete an application with a counselor or given an application packet to complete and return if they chose not to stay. Those submitting the application on-site were given a \$200 grocery store gift card. For on-site media, please click here.</p>
<p>Results of/Response to the Program</p>	<p>It is estimated that over 700 vehicles attended the event. Due to time constraints, only 300 vehicles were screened and received weatherization information/kits and food resources. At the event, \$195,000 in utility assistance and \$40,000 in food gift cards was awarded. In addition, 500 attendees received MLGW CARES packet assistance the day of the event.</p>
<p>Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”</p>	<p>As a result of the program, more MLGW customers learned about the available utility assistance resources. Due to this event, the LIHEAP administrator agency saw a tremendous increase in application intake after the event and was able to expend most funds available in the fiscal year (September 30, 2021.)</p>

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Nomination CS-4	
SGA Member Company Name	Summit Utilities, Inc.
Program Name	<i>Colorado Natural Gas Donates Carbon Monoxide Detectors to the Gilpin County Sheriff's Office</i>
Program Description	As part of the Colorado Natural Gas (CNG) community giving program, in March 2021, CNG donated 36 carbon monoxide detectors to the Gilpin County Sheriff's Office. Not only did our company respond to a community need, but we were also able to tap into an opportunity to enhance a teachable moment around safety. Carbon monoxide is called the "invisible killer" because it is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas. With proper installation, these carbon monoxide detectors offer an extra level of safety to residents of the rural Colorado community and are extremely beneficial to those in the Gilpin County service area in guarding against carbon monoxide exposure.
Results of/Response to the Program	The donated carbon monoxide detectors were distributed by the Central City Fire Department, Timberline Fire Protection District, and Gilpin Ambulance Authority to citizens throughout Blackhawk and Central City. Additionally, these emergency services agencies provided educational materials and installed the units for free to local community members.
Contribution to "Connecting People, Ideas & Information"	CNG's contribution increased the safety of our communities and provided a valuable public service campaign, educating residents about the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning.
Supporting Documents	Click to view.
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Nomination CS-5	
SGA Member Company Name	Clearwater Gas System
Program Name	<i>Non-Profit Residential Energy Conservation Super SAVE Program</i>
Program Description	Habitat of Pinellas and West Pasco County has been a community advocate for working with local families to provide affordable housing. As such Clearwater Gas System has forged a successful partnership with Habitat to provide affordable natural gas energy via the Non-Profit Residential Energy Conservation Super SAVE Program. Clearwater Gas System's non-profit incentive allowance provides incentives for our residential customers of any non-profit agency who builds to install energy-efficient appliances such as tank/tankless water heating, furnace, dryer and range. Participation in this program is open to any non-profit agency that builds gas homes and purchases a gas water heater from Clearwater Gas System and selects Clearwater Gas System as their natural gas energy provider. This program also provides for Affordable Workforce Housing in the Tampa Bay area, which is a high priority for the City of Clearwater and the nineteen other municipal areas that are served by the Clearwater Gas System.
Results of/Response to the Program	Since partnering with Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco counties, Clearwater Gas System has equipped approximately 200 Habitat homes with natural gas energy and energy-efficient natural gas appliances. Comparatively, households that use natural gas for cooking, heating, and clothes drying save an average of approximately 68% annually compared to electricity. In addition, Florida homeowners gain peace of mind knowing that natural gas will continue to flow even during the threat of Hurricanes and/or severe weather.
Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”	Through the work of Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties, over 660 families have found new hope in the form of homeownership and affordable housing. And as a result of Clearwater Gas System's partnership with Habitat, approximately 200 habitat homeowners that built their homes in Clearwater Gas System's territory are reaping the benefit of affordable energy to power their homes for cooking, water heating and/or heating their homes.
Supporting Documents	Click to view.
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Nomination CS-6	
SGA Member Company Name	Atmos Energy
Program Name	<i>Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities: Promoting Childhood Literacy</i>
Program Description	<p>We believe in making a difference in the lives of children by collaborating with local school districts and education foundations to provide resources to help students read at grade level by third grade. Third grade marks the shift from “learning to read” to “reading to learn,” which means deficient readers are at greater risk of falling behind. According to research, kids who enter school ready to learn are more likely to read proficiently by third grade. Furthermore, according to research, students who read on grade level by third grade are five times more likely to graduate ready for success in college or career. Children in underserved school districts are more vulnerable to falling behind in grade-level reading proficiency and remote and hybrid learning necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these vulnerabilities to an even greater degree. To improve third-grade literacy scores, Atmos Energy partners with United to Learn, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, and many other nonprofit organizations dedicated to this cause. Atmos Energy also partnered with local education foundations to provide book vending machines to local school districts. Book vending machines hold up to 300 books and provide a variety of different types of books from beginner to advanced reading elementary levels. In addition to providing students easy access to literature, they also serve as a great reward system for kids for good behavior, good grades, and good attendance.</p>
Results of/Response to the Program	<p>Among our many partnerships to promote childhood literacy, our support for United to Learn provides one tangible example of the impact we’re making. Since 2020, Atmos Energy has partnered with United to Learn to sponsor its annual Learning Launch program. Learning Launch equips teachers in 47 Dallas ISD elementary schools with critical learning resources that are not addressed through limited public school budgets, including physical objects that aid understanding of writing, books organized in levels of difficulty for an emergent reader, tables, and rugs. At this year’s kickoff event at Harlee Elementary School, we presented United to Learn with a \$50,000 donation to benefit Learning Launch, which will help support 26,100 students and more than 2,100 educators. We will also offer our employees volunteer opportunities to help United to Learn with their</p>

	childhood literacy efforts.
Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”	We aim to encourage the love of reading by retaining all the important elements of storytime: read-along pacing, life lessons, and a visual connection between words and text. In the fiscal year 2021, in partnership with United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and Vooks, a streaming service exclusively dedicated to animated storybooks, approximately 116,000 free one-year Vooks subscriptions were provided to elementary school students and teachers. Vooks brings children’s books to life with animated illustrations and narrated stories, making reading a more accessible and rewarding activity for parents, children, and teachers.
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Nomination CS-7	
SGA Member Company Name	<i>Atmos Energy</i>
Program Name	<i>Week of Giving</i>
Program Description	Every year, our extraordinary employees work together during Week of Giving, an event that raises hundreds of thousands of dollars, as part of our commitment to Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities. Held Sept. 13 through Sept. 17, 2021, Atmos Energy’s Week of Giving was filled with opportunities to support United Way, No Kid Hungry, and The Salvation Army through fun team-building activities including virtual Bingo and Kahoot! games hosted by senior leaders, competitions for free Paid Time Off days, and Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities swag purchases, among many other opportunities that evoke a healthy competition between employees to raise much-needed funds. In addition, funds were also dedicated to impact Homes for our Troops, an organization that builds and donates specially adapted custom homes nationwide for severely injured post-9/11 veterans, helping them to rebuild their lives.
Results of/Response to the Program	Atmos Energy employees pledged to donate \$827,495 during the company’s annual Week of Giving campaign, to benefit United Way, No Kid Hungry, and The Salvation Army. Doubling the financial impact for these essential organizations through its Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities initiative, Atmos Energy matches all employee donations to these vital nonprofits – bringing the total amount raised to more than \$1.6 million. These funds, distributed across the eight states Atmos Energy serves,

	are focused on three key beneficiaries: students, heroes, and neighbors.
Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”	Embracing the mission of each organization, Atmos Energy employees believe strongly in supporting United Way to fight for the health, education, and financial stability of every person in every community; No Kid Hungry to support school districts, food banks, and after school programs with a promise to eradicate childhood hunger; and The Salvation Army to assist approximately 23 million Americans annually in fighting addiction, poverty, and homelessness.
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Nomination CS-8	
SGA Member Company Name	<i>Milhouse</i>
Program Name	<i>Milhouse Charities</i>
Program Description	Milhouse Charities was established as a 501c3 private foundation in 2012 by Wilbur C. Milhouse (Chairman) and his wife Dawn C. Milhouse (Executive Director). Milhouse Charities exists to support the education, exposure, and advancement of underrepresented youth and minorities in science, technology, engineering, and math. Our vision is to reinvest through strategic partnerships with STEM and Service based community organizations that align with the Milhouse Family of Companies; Human Potential, Corporate Citizenship, which allow us to be the bridge from the community to success to make a sustainable impact. Having invested nearly one million dollars in organizations and programming, and completed over 6000 hours of hands-on community service, we are intentional about being the change we wish to see around the globe.
Results of/Response to the Program	We have the power to decide how we show up and overcome challenges. We accomplish this with the mindset of positively impacting the communities where MILHOUSE and the family of companies work. The year 2021 began with great anticipation as we and the world hoped to start the healing process from the covid 19 pandemic and the endemics that have plagued our underserved for centuries. We did just that. The realization that life, as we know it could end in a moment, strengthened our resolve to SHOW UP in STEM education, job readiness, and accessibility to food and water and continue the work started in 2012 to be the bridge that connects the underserved with access,

	<p>resources, and opportunities. STEM EDUCATION: Our partnership with Project SYNCERE, Aerostar Aviation, The University of Illinois Champaign Urbana (CEE Classroom), The University of Illinois Chicago (New Engineering Building), NSBE, Future Cities, College Tours, and Girls 4 Science is doing the work creating resources and creating equity in educational opportunities for underrepresented students from elementary school through higher education in Chicago, and the surrounding communities. COMMUNITY: We genuinely believe that "Many Hands Make Light Work" and are grateful to have been of service with The Salvation Army, Chicago Park District, Habitat for Humanity, Culinary Care, The Bloc Chicago, Little Brothers of The Elderly, Chi Gives Back. JOB READINESS & SKILLED TRADE CAREERS: Our partnership with the Polished Pebbles Pink Hard Hat Project will prepare and instill the critical communication, social, and trade skills that will ensure equitable career employment for girls and women. HUNGER: Milhouse Annual Holiday Food Drive (Lake Ridge School Gary, Harmony Community Cares Food Pantry Chicago and The Greater Chicago Food Depository in Chicago (packing 25,249 lbs of food providing 21,107 meals) to surrounding communities. GOODNESS KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES: The pandemic and civil unrest may have slowed down our commitment to creating innovative solutions and improving communities worldwide but didn't stop it. Our partners, The Kerry K Foundation, Something Good in Englewood, MMP for Humanity, Project I Am, and The Answer Inc., were able to distribute Over 2,000 pairs of No Lace Sneakers from Chicago and the Suburbs to Ghana. In addition to donating rice, vegetable oil, and noodles to 5000 people in the Awsum community in Nigeria, our ongoing Gift of Life Water Well project has raised more than half the money towards the effort for clean water in Awsum.</p>
<p>Contribution to "Connecting People, Ideas & Information"</p>	<p>The heart of our mission is to support STEM education within underserved communities. The strength of our contribution is a holistic approach with our partner organizations at every grade level and inclusive of financial support, mentorship, workshops, seminars, and internships.</p>
<p>SGA Membership Category</p>	<p>Associate Member</p>

Nomination CS-9	
SGA Member Company Name	Boardwalk Pipelines
Program Name	<i>Boardwalk Scholarship Program and Education Grant Program</i>
Program Description	<p>Boardwalk is proudly committed to the communities we serve. We provide educational opportunities for students in the regions where we operate through two programs. To advance the educational opportunities for local elementary and middle school students, Boardwalk has an Education Grant program. This program is open to any elementary and middle schools located on a property where Boardwalk operates its pipeline systems. Eligible schools can apply for an annual grant to use for equipment, special programs, or other education-driven endeavors. Boardwalk also offers a scholarship program for seniors who attend high schools located near our pipeline right-of-way. One eligible student from each school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.</p>
Results of/Response to the Program	<p>There are 61 elementary and middle schools on our pipeline system that are eligible to receive Boardwalk’s annual Education Grant. During the pandemic in 2020 and 2021, a check for the full grant amount was sent to all eligible schools without the school administrators having to request it. There are 35 high schools that are eligible for Boardwalk’s Scholarship Program. Since 2013, 246 high school seniors have received a scholarship award. In 2020, we sent an additional cash donation to all 61 schools and 35 high schools to assist their COVID-19 safety efforts.</p>
Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”	<p>Boardwalk’s Education Grant Program and Scholarship Program seek to provide resources to improve educational programs and aid students in pursuing educational opportunities.</p>
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Nomination CS-10	
SGA Member Company Name	Xcel Energy
Program Name	<i>Community Impact - Laura Roberts, Director of Gas Contracting, Xcel Energy</i>
Program Description	<p>Laura Roberts has been with Xcel Energy for 15 years and currently serves as the Director of Gas Contracting. Her team manages the gas construction contractors for gas distribution pipeline projects. In addition to being a leader at Xcel Energy, she is a true champion for our volunteer program and her service has had a tremendous impact on the community. Laura regularly serves as a volunteer team leader for Xcel Energy’s Day of Service, the Company’s largest corporate volunteer effort. Companywide, our 2021 Day of Service engaged over 3,400 volunteers. 2021 marked the 11th year of this event and Laura Roberts has participated every year. Laura leads one of our largest volunteer projects at Colorado Feeding Kids, engaging 500 volunteers and packing thousands of pounds of food that benefit kids and families in need throughout Colorado. She also regularly organizes volunteer projects for her team.</p>
Results of/Response to the Program	<p>Thanks to Laura's volunteer efforts, thousands of pounds of food have been distributed to children and families in need in Colorado. Her volunteer project packs well over 100,000 meals for Colorado Feeding Kids and she has led 500 volunteers for this project. Laura was a recent recipient of the Xcel Energy Good Energy Award, an award that recognizes employees who volunteer their time, talent and energy to make immediate and lasting change in the communities we serve.</p>
Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”	<p>Laura's efforts were part of our companywide volunteer impact (last year Xcel Energy had 5,600 volunteers contributing 69,000 volunteer hours across our eight states), which keeps our company connected to our communities. It is employees and leaders like Laura Roberts that keep our company connected to our communities and make our volunteer projects possible.</p>
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Nomination CS-11	
SGA Member Company Name	Xcel Energy
Program Name	<i>Girls & Science - Lauren Gilliland</i>
Program Description	<p>Lauren Gilliland, Senior Director Gas Operations at Xcel Energy, was a mentor for the Girls & Science Event in Colorado partnering with the Museum of Nature and Science. This year was the 7th annual Girls & Science event which allows girls to explore the diverse opportunities a future career in science, technology, engineering, art, and math can bring. Girls (and all kids!) and their families can connect and engage with women mentors in STEAM careers through virtual engagement and presentations and hands-on activities anyone can do from home. As a mentor, Lauren encourages young people to think outside the box as well as encourages changes in your path if you find something different you like. Lauren also hosted an event for Xcel families to bring their kids to learn about energy and explore hands-on projects related to the energy sector. In addition to the Girls & Science event, Lauren is a strong female mentor throughout Xcel Energy and is always encouraging women to be the best they can be while exploring how to balance that drive with the commitments at home and outside of work.</p>
Results of/Response to the Program	<p>Lauren's engagement in the Girls & Science event was a success and brought people together and encouraged young people to consider the energy, utility, and natural gas sectors as future career paths. At Xcel Energy, more women are encouraged to consider careers in the industry as well as the operations and construction side of the business due to her leadership and support. Xcel is a better company because of Lauren's efforts to engage, support, and value women.</p>
Contribution to "Connecting People, Ideas & Information"	<p>Lauren's engagement in the Girls & Science event was instrumental in encouraging young people to consider the energy, utility, and natural gas sectors as future career paths. At work, Lauren frequently encourages women to develop and grow into exceptional leaders throughout the company.</p>
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