

Community Service Award Finalists

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)

Submissions Overview

Community Service Award Finalists		
Company Name	Program Name	ID Number
Atmos Energy	Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities: Honoring Our Heroes	CS-6
Atmos Energy	Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities: Helping Our Communities Stay Warm	CS-7
INNIO Waukesha Gas Engines Inc.	Waukesha Engine Supports the City of Waukesha	CS-13

Nomination CS-6	
SGA Member Company Name	Atmos Energy
Program Name	<i>Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities: Honoring Our Heroes</i>
Program Description	Atmos Energy shows respect and gratitude to firefighters, police officers, medical teams, veterans, teachers, and many other heroes in our communities by supporting their work in the communities we serve. We partner with local first responders to offer natural gas safety training, promote home safety guidance to residents, and support victims of natural disasters. We provide meals to local medical teams and first responders working around the clock to care for patients in need. We also support educators with school supplies, classroom resources, and tools to improve early childhood literacy.
Results of/Response to the Program	<p>In 2022, we were among the first corporate sponsors of Operation Commissary, a new initiative of Operation Stand Down Tennessee, which works to address food insecurity among veterans in Middle Tennessee. Those who served our country in uniform are twice as likely to become food insecure because they are less likely to seek assistance. Operation Commissary’s innovative model provides non-perishable food along with instructions to receive additional grocery assistance.</p> <p>In our Colorado and Kansas communities, we donated more than \$40,000 in 2022 to local fire departments and volunteer fire departments, so that they could purchase personal protective gear and innovative technology. These funds also support firefighter training, community safety programs that teach home safety tips and natural disaster preparedness, as well as search and rescue efforts for victims of avalanches, wildfires, or even white-water rafting accidents.</p>
Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”	The positive interactions we have with our local heroes are about relationship building and safety. If there is an emergency, our employees are more than likely acquainted with the fire and rescue personnel onsite, which provides a great working relationship before, during and after an event.
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Nomination CS-7	
SGA Member Company Name	Atmos Energy
Program Name	<i>Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities: Helping Our Communities Stay Warm</i>
Program Description	<p>Helping our communities stay warm is one of Atmos Energy's highest priorities. Through a variety of energy assistance programs, we help eligible customers experiencing financial hardship pay their gas bills on time every month. During the year, Atmos Energy offers financial assistance to the elderly, the disabled, veterans, and income-qualified families in our service areas struggling to pay their gas bills. We support our Sharing the Warmth program through donations from our customers and Atmos Energy. This program distributes funds to local nonprofit organizations that provide utility bill assistance which helps meet the energy needs of underserved families.</p>
Results of/Response to the Program	<p>This past year our Sharing the Warmth program received customer contributions totaling \$1.15 million, which were supplemented by Atmos Energy contributions of \$3 million. These generous contributions enabled us to partner with 119 nonprofit organizations within the eight states we serve – helping 25,200 eligible individuals pay their natural gas bills. These funds not only provide support to customers for utility bills but also home weatherization upgrades, in addition to repair and replacement of customer-owned natural gas appliances and piping.</p> <p>In 2022, through intentional outreach, education, and communication with its community action agencies, nonprofits, and customers, Atmos Energy helped more than 67,000 households gain access to \$34 million through LIHEAP, Sharing the Warmth, and other programs.</p>
Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”	<p>To better provide immediate and easy access to funding, Atmos Energy partners with local energy assistance agencies to host “blitzes.” These events take place on a designated day and in partnership with one of hundreds of organizations to distribute Sharing the Warmth funds on a first come, first served basis to customers who attend. No appointment is necessary and qualified Atmos Energy customers can receive funding on the spot for past-due debt, deposits, and service charges.</p>
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Nomination CS-13	
SGA Member Company	INNIO Waukesha Gas Engines Inc.
Program Name	<i>Waukesha Engine Supports the City of Waukesha</i>
Program Description	<p>Following the Waukesha Christmas parade attack in November 2021, INNIO Waukesha Gas Engines Inc. (Waukesha Engine) made the decision to increase its sponsorship of and participation in community events hosted by the City of Waukesha. As a member of its namesake city since 1906, Waukesha Engine felt strongly that members of the community needed opportunities to come together and honor the city’s strength and resilience. To that end, Waukesha Engine and its employees sponsored and/or participated in the following City of Waukesha events in 2022:</p> <p>4th of July Parade – A staple of the City of Waukesha’s Independence Day celebrations, Waukesha Engine had a float in the parade that showcased the company’s reUp remanufactured engines that are produced at the company’s facility in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Employees accompanied the reUp remanufactured engines along the parade route, handing out various goodies to people in the crowd.</p> <p>Tribute Tuesday – On the second Tuesday of the month (June – September), the City of Waukesha hosts a concert in a local park that is free to the public. Waukesha Engine was proud to sponsor the August concert, Earth to Mars: The Bruno Mars Experience. As a kick-off to the concert, a company representative was invited to say a few words about Waukesha Engine’s role in the community. Many employees attended and danced the night away with fellow concertgoers.</p> <p>Monday Night Movies in the Park – A crowd favorite with City of Waukesha families, Monday Night Movies in the Park occur on the third Monday of the month (June – August). Members of the community are invited to bring their blankets and camp chairs and enjoy a family-friendly movie under the stars. Waukesha Engine sponsored the August movie presentation and was glad to see families, as well as local Boy Scout troops and church youth groups, take advantage of this opportunity.</p>

	<p>Waukesha Unlocked – Every other year, the City of Waukesha invites businesses, churches, historical landmarks, etc. to open their doors and give members of the community a behind-the-scenes look at what takes place at their facility. This year, Waukesha Engine offered a plethora of free, family-friendly activities to its guest (i.e., petting zoo, face painting, bounce houses). Additionally, guests were invited to tour Waukesha Engine’s reUp remanufacturing operations. This gave attendees a glimpse into how the company supports environmental, social and governance (ESG) initiatives.</p> <p>Operation Honor: A Salute to Veterans – Each November, the City of Waukesha hosts Operation Honor: A Salute to Veterans. Active-duty military personnel and veterans, as well as their family members and friends, are invited to come to the event and are treated to a live musical performance and a free dinner. Waukesha Engine was honored to sponsor this year’s event and a company representative highlighted the link between strong communities and those that are willing to serve.</p>
<p>Results of/Response to the Program</p>	<p>The results of Waukesha Engine’s sponsorship of and participation in the City of Waukesha’s events were twofold.</p> <p>Firstly, in the wake of a tremendous tragedy, these events provided members of the community with an opportunity to reestablish a sense of normalcy. Families, neighbors and different organizations were able to use these events to gather and enjoy one another’s company. These events helped bolster a community grappling with a tremendous loss, looking for a way to move forward. Waukesha Engine firmly believes that its 117-year legacy is due in no small part to the people in its hometown and feels privileged to have been able to help when needed.</p> <p>Secondly, Waukesha Engine’s sponsorship of and participation in the City of Waukesha’s events allowed a spotlight to be shined on a local business with ties to the natural gas industry. Many feel a sense of uncertainty when thinking about the country’s energy future. Waukesha Engine’s participation in these events provided a forum for education on the role that natural gas can play as a reliable, clean energy source for many years to come. It helped make a big (and often misunderstood) industry seem a little more accessible and relatable.</p>
<p>Contribution to “Connecting People, Ideas & Information”</p>	<p>During the company’s sponsorship of and participation in the City of Waukesha’s events, great care was taken to highlight the efforts that Waukesha Engine and the natural gas industry have taken to produce the nation’s most dependable energy source in a reliable and responsible way.</p>

	<p>For instance, during the tours of Waukesha Engine’s reUp remanufacturing facility during the Waukesha Unlocked event, guides touched upon the fact that each remanufactured Waukesha engine contains over 18,000 pounds of reused materials and reduces the consumption of new raw materials by 75% (when compared with the manufacture of a new engine). Additional commentary touched upon similar efforts made by other companies within the natural gas industry to reduce their environmental impact.</p> <p>When provided with opportunities to make remarks at events, company representatives touched up the meaningful employment opportunities that a career in the natural gas industry provides.</p> <p>Additionally, candid conversations with event attendees often revolved around how Waukesha Engine’s products fit into the value chain of moving gas from production to consumption, raising the community’s awareness of how an often taken-for-granted resource enters their homes and impacts their lives.</p>
<p>Supporting Documents</p>	<p>Click to view.</p>
<p>SGA Membership Category</p>	<p>Associate Member</p>