

GoodWorks Insurance and CEMA Join To Donate \$15,300 to Operation Fuel

Funds Will Help Local Families Stay Warm

Glastonbury, Conn., -- As a result of a generous partnership between GoodWorks Insurance and the Connecticut Energy Marketers Association (CEMA), Operation Fuel recently received a donation of \$15,300.

The donation will be used to help more than 30 lower-income Connecticut families keep the heat and electricity on this winter. For the second year in a row, GoodWorks launched the initiative by pledging a minimum \$10,000 donation to Operation Fuel and promising to match up to \$5,000 in donations from CEMA's member companies.

"Operation Fuel does invaluable work statewide, where one in five residents has a hard time paying for energy. We're honored to join with CEMA to support Operation Fuel," said Chad Yonker, GoodWorks Insurance chairman and CEO.

"CEMA is so happy that GoodWorks and the home heating oil dealers in our state were able to contribute to Operation Fuel's mission to ensure that people in need have access to energy assistance. We are proud of our ongoing relationship with these organizations and the great work that they do," said CEMA President Chris Herb.

"The generous support from GoodWorks Insurance and CEMA shows that we are all part of the Operation. Without the support of the community, Operation Fuel could not do the work that we do," said Operation Fuel Executive Director Patricia Wrice. "We are so grateful to GoodWorks Insurance and CEMA for their significant donations at a time of year when support is greatly needed," added Director of Development Kim O'Brien Green.

GoodWorks Insurance is a regional independent insurance agency headquartered in Glastonbury, Conn., with additional offices in New Milford, Avon and Columbia, Conn., and Great Barrington and Worcester, Mass. It donates 50 percent of its operating profit to local charities through GoodWorks Community Grants. For information about GoodWorks, go to www.goodworksinsurance.com. CEMA is based in Cromwell, Conn., and consists of 585 Connecticut home heating oil dealers and gasoline distributors. For more information on CEMA, go to http://www.ctema.com.

Operation Fuel is a private, nonprofit program that provides emergency energy assistance year-round through its statewide network of fuel banks to lower-income working families and individuals, the elderly, and disabled individuals who are in financial crisis. Anyone who needs energy assistance should call 211. For more information on Operation Fuel, or to make a donation, go to www.operationfuel.org.



Pictured from left are, Operation Fuel's Director of Development Kim O'Brien Green, GoodWorks Senior Vice President Curt Johnson, Nancy Bulkeley, Chairperson of Operation Fuel's board and Senior Community Affairs Representative for Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, and Operation Fuel's Executive Director Patricia Wrice.