

Over the Past 32 Years Operation Fuel's Add-a-Dollar Program Has Helped 40,000 Households with Energy Assistance

Hartford, Conn., -- When Operation Fuel implemented its Adda-Dollar program through Connecticut's monthly utility bills 32 years ago, no one envisioned just how much of a difference the one-dollar donations would make.

Over the past 32 years, Operation Fuel's Add-A-Dollar program has raised more than \$17 million to provide energy assistance to over 40,000 Connecticut households. Operation Fuel uses 100 percent of the donations made to the Add-a-Dollar program for energy assistance.

Today, Connecticut utility customers still are able to contribute to Operation Fuel through the Add-a-Dollar program when paying their monthly utility bills by check or online. Utility customers who wish to donate more than one dollar or who want to contribute automatically each month to Operation Fuel can do so by contacting their utility company.

"Every dollar donated to the Add-a-Dollar program goes directly to providing energy assistance. By adding just one dollar to your monthly utility bill, you can make a tremendous difference for families and individuals who are trying to keep their heat and electricity on," explains Operation Fuel's Executive Director Patricia Wrice.

This past fiscal year, Operation Fuel provided more than \$3.6 million in energy assistance; of which \$584,610 was raised through the Add-a-Dollar program; \$460,011 from utility customers' donations and \$124,599 in utility provided shareholder-matching funds.

In addition to the Add-a-Dollar program, donations for Operation Fuel can be made online at www.operationfuel.org or mailed to Operation Fuel, 75 Charter Oak Avenue, Suite 2-240, Hartford, CT 06106.

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. For more information on Operation Fuel, go to www.operationfuel.org