

# SUMMER NEWSLETTER

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## New Report: Climate Smart Technologies

Operation Fuel is proud to be a collaborator on the recent study, “Emerging Health Needs for Climate Smart Technology in Connecticut Affordable Housing.” This crucial research highlights the urgent need for more robust support systems that protect the health and well-being of our most vulnerable populations, specifically those who rely on home medical devices. As climate change continues to exacerbate extreme weather events, the demand for reliable and resilient energy solutions is becoming increasingly critical.

The study, which was supported by a coalition of key partners including Operation Fuel, CT Green Bank, Clean Energy Group, Yale School of Medicine, and Yale School of Public Health, was made possible through generous funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the Energy Storage Solutions program, and the U.S. Department of Energy. This collaborative effort was driven by the shared goal of ensuring that our communities remain safe and healthy during power outages and other climate-related disruptions, which are becoming more frequent and severe.

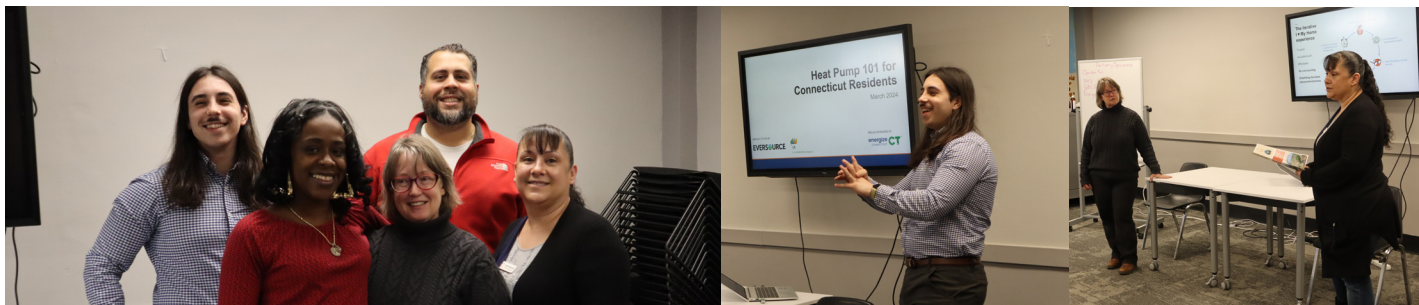
This initiative is more than just a research project; it is a call to action. By highlighting the connection between energy resilience and public health, the study makes a compelling case for investing in innovative solutions that protect those most at risk. Operation Fuel is committed to continuing this critical work through advocating for policies and programs that prioritize the safety and well-being of all Connecticut residents.

To read the full  
report, scan the  
QR code below:



***Our mission: “To lead the way so current and future generations can thrive with secure access to heat, power, and water.”***

## Heat Pump Education in Bridgeport



Throughout the year, Operation Fuel has partnered with Greater Bridgeport Community Enterprises – The Green Team, Energize Connecticut, and Neighborhood Housing Services of New Haven to bring monthly workshops to Bridgeport residents on heat pump education.

The Heat Pump 101 workshop series is a key component of Operation Fuel’s Better Home and Buildings Program. This initiative aims to empower homeowners by providing them with the knowledge and tools needed to make their homes more energy-efficient through weatherization and heat pump technology. By focusing on heat pump technology, these workshops are helping low- and medium-income households explore clean energy solutions that reduce energy costs and contribute to a more sustainable future.

For more information on our workshop dates and locations, be sure to follow Operation Fuel on social media!

## See Our Advocacy in Action

In August, Chief Programs and Policy Officer, Gannon Long, delivered compelling, in-person testimony before three committees of the General Assembly. Her testimony was centered around the crucial Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) allocation plan. Gannon advocated for increased funding, emphasizing the importance of this program in supporting vulnerable communities during challenging times.



“We believe that addressing this funding gap earlier, possibly before the session starts, would be helpful to make sure that agencies can plan and disperse the funds quickly to stave off any crisis that may come this winter in our state.”

Operation Fuel does not receive LIHEAP funding. However, many Connecticut residents turn to Operation Fuel for assistance when LIHEAP and other funding from state agencies runs out each year. We continue to support the safety nets our neighbors in need rely on to avoid shutoffs and maintain safe, healthy homes.

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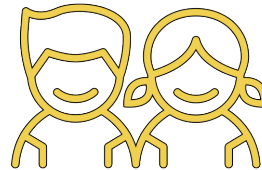
## Operation Fuel Fiscal Year Round-Up

In July, Operation Fuel rounded out our fiscal year. Take a look at the **impact** our donors have helped make in the lives of CT residents:



**18,500+**

total individuals served



**6,700+**

households with children



**8,300+**

household applications



**4,000+**

households with elderly residents

## Ways to Give to Operation Fuel

### LEGACY GIVING:

Include Operation Fuel in your estate plans to become a member of **The 1977 Society** to help fulfill our mission & improve the lives of thousands of Connecticut residents with their energy needs.



### STOCK TRANSFER:

Notify our Interim CEO, Roxanna Booth of your stock donation!

**Email:** [roxanna@operationfuel.org](mailto:roxanna@operationfuel.org)

**Phone:** 860-243-2345 ext. 3322

### MATCHING GIFTS:

Maximize the impact of your gift by having it matched by your employer!

### CHECK OR CASH:

Mail your donation to:  
75 Charter Oak Avenue  
Suite 1-300  
Hartford, CT 06106

### ADD-A-DOLLAR:

Add a dollar **OR MORE** when paying your online utility bill & 100% of the contributions goes to Operation Fuel!

### DONATE ONLINE:

[operationfuel.org/donate](http://operationfuel.org/donate)

### DONATE BY TEXT:

Text "**OPFUEL**" to 44321

*"I cannot **thank you enough** for this **wonderful news** about my application. This money will **go a long way** towards helping pay my electricity bills for the summer days ahead. You're a true blessing!"*

# Giving Thanks:

Appreciation and gratitude for our donors! (Gifts \$1,000 & above from January 1 to June 30)

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**“ I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver.”**

**“As we work to create light for others, we naturally light our own way.”**