

## Chesapeake Utilities Corporation Employees Partner with Local Organizations to Supply Families with Thanksgiving Meals

DOVER, Del., Nov. 23, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Chesapeake Utilities Corporation (Chesapeake Utilities) (NYSE: CPK) employees from Delaware, Florida, Ohio and Maryland spent the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving working with local community organizations to pack and distribute meals for families in need through the Company's annual Thanksgiving for All program. In total, employees packaged and delivered more than 1,300 meals.



Since the program began five years ago, the Company donated more than \$125,000 to provide over 5,000 meals.

"Our employees value the opportunity to help those in need throughout the communities we serve and the Thanksgiving for All program is an initiative that's close to all of our hearts," said Michael P. McMasters, President and Chief Executive Officer of Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. "I'm grateful for the partnerships of organizations like the local food banks and I look forward to what we accomplish together in 2017."

In Delaware, home of the Company's headquarters, more than 225 employees from the Company's Chesapeake Utilities, Eastern Shore Natural Gas Company, Sandpiper Energy, PESCO and Sharp Energy business units, as well as the corporate office, partnered with the Food Bank of Delaware to package and distribute 1,000 meals at six sites in Kent County and Sussex County. Each box was filled with the makings of a festive holiday meal, including stuffing and mashed potato mixes, milk, cranberry sauce and more, and then topped with a frozen turkey.

Employees of the Company's Florida Public Utilities business unit worked with local organizations to collect and distribute canned goods throughout the state of Florida in partnership with several local food banks. Ohio employees from the Aspire Energy business unit partnered with People to People Ministries for the second year in a row to package 300 holiday meals. Maryland employees will work with the Food Bank of Maryland - Eastern Shore later this month to continue the holiday giving.

"The Thanksgiving for All program started five years ago in Delaware, and the passion and drive of our employees has resulted in a companywide effort to help families in need enjoy a healthy and warm Thanksgiving dinner," said Elaine B. Bittner, Senior Vice President of Strategic Development for Chesapeake Utilities Corporation. "It's important that we give back to the communities in which we live and work and I'm proud of the team for their commitment to making a meaningful impact during this Thanksgiving holiday."

Chesapeake Utilities also supports the Delmarva community through the Company's Chesapeake Emergency Energy Recipient Program (CHEERP), also known as Chesapeake Sharing, which ensures that the elderly, ill and those facing financial hardship are not forgotten during the cold winter months when energy bills are at their peak. Over the last ten years, Chesapeake Sharing distributed more than 2,100 grants totaling more than \$475,000 to Delmarva families in need of financial assistance. For more information about SHARING and to make a tax-deductible donation visit:

[www.chesapeakesharing.com](http://www.chesapeakesharing.com)

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Chesapeake Utilities Corporation is a diversified energy company engaged in natural gas distribution, transmission, gathering and processing, and marketing; electricity generation and distribution; propane gas distribution and wholesale marketing; and other businesses. Information about Chesapeake Utilities Corporation's businesses is available at [www.chpk.com](http://www.chpk.com).

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