



BEAT THE HEAT: OG&E Donates 1,300 Electric Fans to Seniors and Families with Low Income



LEFT: (Left to right) OG&E Meter Field Representative Dean Myers, OG&E Construction Foreman Lance Becker and OG&E Community Outreach Coordinator Garrett Houck grin at the Salvation Army of Fort Smith before distributing electric fans to residents in the area to help these community members battle the summer heat.

RIGHT: (Left to right) Poteau Senior Nutrition Center Director Kim Harmon, local resident Betty Davis, Poteau Senior Nutrition Center volunteer Ramona Deleplank, OG&E Meter Field Representative Dean Myers, OG&E Construction Foreman Lance Becker and OG&E Construction Lineman Kody Byrd pass out electric fans to residents in the Fort Smith area.

FORT SMITH – (June 24, 2022) As temperatures continue to rise, OG&E is committed to helping residents safely and comfortably navigate the summer heat. The company recently launched its 16th annual fan donation program, delivering electric fans to thousands of seniors and families with low income in communities across western Arkansas and Oklahoma.

During the past few weeks, OG&E volunteers distributed 1,300 fans to customers in communities across the service area. To ensure fans are distributed to members in the community who need them the most, the electric utility company partners with local organizations like senior and community centers and other nonprofits that work directly with those in need.

“Many community members, especially seniors and residents with low income, are at risk of suffering from heat-related illnesses during the hot summer months,” said Garrett Houck, community outreach coordinator at OG&E. “Our fan donation program aims to provide relief, safety and support to these vulnerable populations.”

Since the program’s inception in 2006, OG&E has provided more than 16,000 fans totaling nearly \$270,000 to thousands of residents in the service area.

“OG&E’s fan donation drive is such a blessing to so many in the Fort Smith area. Over two-thirds of the households receiving fans have a disabled or elderly family member, many of these residents only have window units to cool their homes, and many are unable to afford to run any air conditioning at all,” said Captain Bradley Hargis, Corps Officer of The Salvation Army of Fort Smith. “We’re so grateful to OG&E for recognizing the importance of providing relief from the heat to our neighbors who need assistance the most.”

The fan donation program is just one of the many ways OG&E helps customers find solutions for the summer months. Each summer, OG&E partners with nearly 80 local libraries, senior centers, churches and other locations throughout the service area to open Cool Zones, which provide heat-wary residents a respite during the hottest times of the day. A list of Cool Zones is available at oge.com/coolzones. Customers can also save money on summer bills by enrolling in SmartHours, the Weatherization Program or the Low-Income Assistance Program (LIAP).

To learn more about OG&E and its community stewardship initiatives, visit oge.com/stewardship.

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