



**OG&E volunteers teach Wilson Elementary students financial and career life skills through Junior Achievement partnership**



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**NORMAN, OKLA. (May 17, 2022)** - OG&E volunteers spent Friday, May 13, with some of their favorite customers – Wilson Elementary students in Norman, Okla. An initiative championed by Junior Achievement of Oklahoma, the “JA in a Day” event allows volunteers to spend a day in local classrooms teaching basic economics and financial literacy to elementary school students. An integral facet of the company’s commitment to educational stewardship, OG&E has partnered with Junior Achievement of Oklahoma since the organization was founded in 1967.

The volunteers spent the day teaching students important academic and life lessons, and even eating lunch with students in the cafeteria. Twelve OG&E employees participated in this educational and fun-filled event, including Ken Miller, vice president of regulatory and state government affairs. A former college economics professor and Oklahoma state treasurer, Miller said the concepts championed by Junior Achievement of Oklahoma are important at every age.

“We value our partnership with Junior Achievement and look forward to participating in the JA in a Day program. In these sessions, students begin learning how to plan for their futures and make smart academic and economic choices,” said Miller. “OG&E energizes life for tomorrow by supporting programs that benefit youth in our community. Initiatives like JA in a Day allow us to share knowledge with young people and provide them with the necessary resources for success.”

“JA in a Day gives our students a unique opportunity to learn about earning, saving and spending and really gets them thinking about potential careers for their future,” said Norman Public Schools Executive Director of Student Services Holly McKinney, who stopped by the

school to thank the volunteers. “These volunteers bring with them not only these important lessons from Junior Achievement but also their own personal experience that they share with our students. We appreciate OG&E for investing their time in these kids.”

Junior Achievement’s mission is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed. Community volunteers work in a variety of initiatives to deliver proven lessons in financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work and career readiness to students. Volunteers also serve as role models to students, positively impacting perceptions about the importance of education and providing youth with advice and resources on critical life skills and other academic tools needed to succeed.

“Our students were thrilled to have OG&E here today,” said Wilson Elementary Principal Chris Crelia. “Partnerships like these make a lasting impression on these students. Not only will they remember the lessons taught, but they also will learn about what the volunteers do for a living. Having OG&E here is exciting because it's easy for even the first-grade students to understand that they are the ones who help keep our lights on. Having such a diverse group of volunteers from OG&E - from government affairs to marketing and line crew management to customer support - helps them see the wide range of career opportunities available to them in the future.”

OG&E has demonstrated its dedication to community stewardship initiatives through volunteerism, corporate giving and partnerships with local organizations. Supporting students and teachers through initiatives like Junior Achievement is just one way the organization continues to energize life for the communities it serves.

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