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## **Add-a-Dollar Program is Easy Way to Help Struggling Families with Energy Bills**

**Hartford, Conn., February 4, 2015** – Operation Fuel wants to remind Connecticut residents that when they are paying their monthly utility bills they also can contribute to the non-profit through its Add-a-Dollar program.

Utility customers can add a dollar when they pay their utility bill 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 should contact their utility company. The Add-a-Dollar program is part of Operation Fuel and all of the money collected is used to provide energy assistance for Connecticut households.

“Participating in the Add-a-Dollar program is an easy way to help Connecticut families and individuals who are struggling to keep their homes warm and their electricity on. Operation Fuel uses 100 percent of the contributions for energy assistance,” explains Executive Director Patricia Wrice.

This past fiscal year, Operation Fuel raised \$562,211 through the Add-a-Dollar program; \$439,536 from utility customers’ donations and \$122,675 in utility provided shareholder-matching funds. Since Add-a-Dollar began 31 years ago, the program has provided nearly \$16.4 million in energy assistance to families and individuals statewide.

Connecticut gas and electric utilities are mandated by state statute to participate in Operation Fuel’s Add-a-Dollar program. Some of the utility companies also have a shareholder-matching program that adds additional funds to the money raised through the Add-a-Dollar program.

The maximum Operation Fuel grant that a household can receive annually is \$500. Many of the recipients are working families with young children or elderly

people who are living on a fixed income. So far this fiscal year, Operation Fuel has provided \$1.9 million in energy assistance.

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