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## **Cascade Natural Gas Corporation Increases Annual Donation to Winter Help Program.**

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Cascade Natural Gas Corporation has increased its annual donation to the Winter Help program to match all donations up to \$50,000. In previous years, Cascade has matched all donations, up to \$30,000 annually.

In 1989, Cascade Natural Gas created the Winter Help program to assist their low-income customers in paying part of their energy costs. Since then, this program has been a partnership between Cascade, its employees, concerned customers, local community service agencies, and businesses. To date, more than \$1.1 million have been donated to Winter Help, allowing this program to assist over 10,000 Washington and Oregon families.

Four businesses generously contributed to the Winter Help program this season, including BIT, LLC; McDonald Chemical Company, Inc.; R. W. Lyall & Company, Inc.; and Snelson Companies, Inc. Cascade greatly appreciates their donations to Winter Help.

If you would like to make a contribution to this program, please write a check payable to Winter Help and send it to: Attn: Customer Service/Winter Help Program, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, 222 Fairview Avenue North, Seattle, WA 98109.

**For more information about the Winter Help Program, contact Cascade Natural Gas Corporation at 1.888.522.1130, or visit [www.cngc.com/customer/lowincome.asp](http://www.cngc.com/customer/lowincome.asp).**

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