METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

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M.U.D. announces launch of refreshed utility assistance program

May 1, 2020, Omaha, Neb.—In 1983, Metropolitan Utilities District (M.U.D.) established the Heat Aid Fund to assist seniors, people with disabilities and limited-income customers suffering severe financial hardships. Through customer donations and fundraising events like the annual Heat the Streets Run & Walk for Warmth, more than 35,000 households have been served in that time.

Effective today, the fund has a new name, but its mission remains the same. The Home Fund aims to provide utility assistance by connecting customers in need with the community.

M.U.D. understands there is a growing need for assistance among our neighbors, family and friends who may be facing financial hardships as a result of COVID-19. The continued success of the Home Fund depends on donations both large and small from those in the community.



Customers and non-customers alike can donate to the Home Fund, with 100 percent of donations going directly to those in need.

Visit the <u>website</u> to learn more about the Home Fund, including how to give or request assistance through local agency partners.

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About Metropolitan Utilities District: The mission of the Metropolitan Utilities District, headquartered in Omaha, Nebraska, is to provide safe, reliable and cost-effective natural gas and water services to our community. The District is the fifth largest public natural gas utility in the United States, serving more than 232,000 customer-owners in Omaha, Bennington, Fort Calhoun, Springfield, Yutan and Bellevue. The District also provides safe, high quality drinking water to more than 218,000 customer-owners in Omaha, Bellevue, Bennington, Carter Lake, La Vista, Ralston, Waterloo and the Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District (which supplies water to Fort Calhoun). M.U.D.'s drinking water meets or exceeds all state and federal standards. For more information, visit www.mudomaha.com.