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CPS Energy receives national award for community service

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 8, 2020 — CPS Energy in San Antonio, Texas, received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes "good neighbor" activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

In 2002, CPS Energy partnered with local government entities to establish the Residential Energy Assistance Partnership (REAP). REAP was specifically created to assist struggling families and allow their neighbors to lend a helping hand for the elderly, medically dependent, and low-income families with young children. Since the partnership began, CPS Energy has given over \$1 million annually to the fund and provides over 700 families a year with support for their energy services. Along with REAP, the CPS Energy Corporate Responsibility team developed GrillsGiving, a family-friendly way to engage the community while raising money for REAP through a competitive barbecue cook-off. The fifth annual event in November 2019 raised more than \$73,000, a 128 percent increase over the previous year. CPS Energy demonstrates how the power of partnerships and working together can positively impact the lives of others.

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