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Tullahoma Utilities Authority receives national award for community service

Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022 — Tullahoma Utilities Authority in Tullahoma, Tennessee, received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award recognizes "good neighbor" activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

Tullahoma Utilities Authority (TUA) prioritizes community engagement and hosts large community events including an annual Public Power Week celebration, a National Drinking Water Week celebration, and a LightTube Customer Appreciation Day. TUA also runs and promotes a community assistance round-up program that is funded by voluntary contributions from customers. Contributions are used to support local families in need and the organizations that serve them. This program puts more than \$60,000 back into the community each year.

TUA's Home Uplift Program is designed to support low-income customers whose residences are usually older and less energy efficient. TUA donates funds, which are matched by the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA), to help finance the cost of home energy efficiency upgrades for Tullahoma residents. TUA and TVA also partnered to fund STEM learning projects in local schools. TUA employees frequently visit schools to discuss utility careers, focusing on building the future of public power.

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