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## Operation Fuel Taking Applications For Heating Assistance on Nov. 30

**Hartford, Conn., November 16, 2015** – Non-profit Operation Fuel and its statewide network of fuel banks will begin taking applications for energy assistance on Monday, November 30, from Connecticut households that are struggling to pay their heating bills.

Energy affordability is a year-round problem for nearly 305,000 Connecticut households. “We know the need for emergency energy assistance will exceed our available funding this winter, but we are going to make every effort to help the most vulnerable households,” explains Executive Director Patricia Wrice. “We hope people will consider donating whatever they can afford so we can assist more families and individuals. Many of the people we help are children and the elderly,” added Wrice.

During the winter, Operation Fuel’s emergency energy assistance program helps households that heat with all energy sources and focuses on families and individuals who have no where else to turn. Hardship households that heat with gas or electricity can be protected from utility shutoffs from November 1 through May 1 if they apply to their utility provider -- and are approved -- for winter shutoff protection. There isn’t similar protection, however, for homes that heat with oil and other deliverable fuels.

Operation Fuel needs donations throughout the year and, on December 1, will participate in the fourth annual #GivingTuesday, a worldwide event that kicks off the charitable giving season. For more information on Operation Fuel or to make a donation, go to [www.operationfuel.org](http://www.operationfuel.org). Donations also can be sent to Operation Fuel, 75

Charter Oak Avenue, Suite 2-240, Hartford, CT. 06106. Operation Fuel has received the highest rating possible for the eighth straight year from Charity Navigator, which is one of the nation's leading charity evaluators.

Operation Fuel is a private, nonprofit program that provides emergency energy assistance year-round through its statewide network of fuel banks to lower-income working families and individuals, the elderly, and disabled individuals who are in financial crisis. Anyone who needs energy assistance should call 211.

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