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## CenterPoint Energy joins the Global #GivingTuesday Movement

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HOUSTON, Nov. 29, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- CenterPoint Energy has joined #GivingTuesday, a global day of giving that harnesses the power of individuals, communities and organizations to encourage philanthropy and to celebrate generosity worldwide. Today, more than 800 gifts will be collected for the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program in advance of the Christmas holiday in the company's Houston region, and approximately 350 gifts are expected to be collected in Minnesota next week.

**We Are Serving**  
CenterPoint Energy Corporate Citizenship

For more than 140 years, CenterPoint Energy has served communities across the United States.

More than \$3.3 million donated in 2015 to local non-profits and charities.

4,830 Pints of Blood donated, saving more than 14,000 lives

203,000 volunteer hours valued at **\$4.7 million** according to the Independent Sector

Our average contributed **193** Pro Bono Hours to communities we serve

\*All statistics as of 2015  
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Since 1889, the Salvation Army has provided Christmas assistance to disadvantaged families and individuals to ensure that they have a wonderful holiday season. CenterPoint Energy has been a long-time supporter of the program, collecting more than 4,200 donations over the past seven years, helping to provide a merry Christmas for more than 4,000 families in the Greater Houston area.

"We are so excited to once again participate in the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Program," said Diane Englet, senior director of Community Relations for CenterPoint Energy. "This cause brings so much joy and excitement to our employees. Every year they look forward to receiving their Angel Tree tags and have continued to increase the number they request. It truly is a heartwarming sight to see the smiles on their faces as they bring in their gifts on collection day!"

Because of the generosity of employees throughout CenterPoint Energy's service territory, countless other organizations have received financial and volunteer support over the years. Last year, CenterPoint Energy partnered with local blood drives to donate a total of 4,830 pints of blood, which is the equivalent of saving more than 14,000 lives.

"With more than 203,000 hours of volunteer service provided by employees in 2015, valued by the Independent Sector at \$4.7 million, CenterPoint Energy has been able to offer support for organizations that do so much for so many, throughout the company's service territory," added Englet.

To learn more about what CenterPoint Energy is doing in your community, visit [CenterPointEnergy.com/Community](http://CenterPointEnergy.com/Community).

### **About #GivingTuesday**

#GivingTuesday is a movement to celebrate and provide incentives to give—the 2016 iteration will be held on November 29, 2016. This effort harnesses the collective power of a unique blend of partners—nonprofits, businesses and corporations as well as families and individuals—to transform how people think about, talk about and participate in the giving season.

#GivingTuesday inspires people to take collaborative action to improve their local communities, give back in better, smarter ways to the charities and causes they celebrate and help create a better world. #GivingTuesday harnesses the power of social media to create a global moment dedicated to giving around the world.

To learn more about #GivingTuesday participants and activities or to join the celebration of giving, please visit:

**Website:** [www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/GivingTuesday](http://www.facebook.com/GivingTuesday)

**Twitter:** [twitter.com/GivingTues](http://twitter.com/GivingTues)

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