Gas South Expands "Food4Kids" Backpack Program with \$100,000 Donation

Donation to local nonprofit is part of the natural gas leader's annual Impact Investment Awards initiative

GAINESVILLE (July 12, 2023) – Gas South, the Southeast's leading natural gas provider, announced a \$100,000 donation to Food4Kids Backpack Program of North Florida. They are a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide food and vital resources to chronically hungry children in the North Florida region.

Food4Kids Backpack Program of North Florida serves children ages 5 to 18 experiencing food insecurity in Alachua, Levy and Dixie Counties. Gas South's donation will enable the nonprofit to expand their services into Bradford County and to purchase a box truck for transporting food in bulk. The funding will cover the costs of distributing 150 bags of food weekly to serve up to 300 children from food insecure homes in Bradford County.

"No child should ever go hungry, and Gas South is extremely proud to join in the fight against childhood food insecurity," said Kevin Greiner, CEO at Gas South. "The Food4Kids Backpack Program of North Florida is changing lives and providing resources to an extremely vulnerable population. We are thrilled to help expand those efforts."

This donation comes as part of Gas South's annual Impact Investment Awards program, an annual funding effort to support various children and family charities throughout Georgia and North Florida. This is the first year the company's customers joined employees in their voting process to select winners. More than 10,000 customers voted for this year's finalists.

In addition to the Food4Kids Backpack Program of North Florida, Gas South employees and customers also selected Sunshine on a Ranney Day in Georgia, which provides no-cost home renovations for families of children with special needs. This initiative is an extension of Gas South's *Be A Fuel For Good* commitment, through which it donates 5% of annual profits to children-oriented organizations and programs.

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Gas South is one of the largest retail natural gas providers to over 440,000 residential, business and government customers across 14 states spanning across the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and Midwest. Gas South is an Atlanta-based subsidiary of Cobb EMC, providing simple natural gas plans and excellent customer service. Gas South upholds its mission to *Be A Fuel For Good* by giving back 5% of their annual profits to help children in need, prioritizing basic needs, education and health. The company has donated more than \$12 million to charities since 2006, including \$3.2 million in 2022, its largest year ever for corporate giving. To learn more about Gas South and its mission to *Be A Fuel For Good*, visit www.GasSouth.com.