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Neighbor for Neighbor Heat Fund Re-Opens Oct. 1

(Sept. 30, 2019) WILLIAMSVILLE, N.Y. – The Neighbor for Neighbor Heat Fund, a first-come, first-served home-heating assistance grant program, will re-open on Oct. 1. Qualifying Western New Yorkers may receive a one-time annual grant of up to \$300.

Applicants must meet one of the following qualifications:

- Be 55 years or older;
- Have a disability (or another household member has a disability) that reduces the household's income;
- Have a certified medical emergency;
- Be a military veteran; or
- Be receiving unemployment benefits.

Applicants must reside in National Fuel's service territory, however, they do not need to be National Fuel customers. The fund provides grants to help prevent disconnection of utility service, pay current or past-due energy bills, or purchase home heating fuel of any kind.

Applicants must have made at least four payments to their heating bills within a 12-month period from the date of application (other than those provided by HEAP or other assistance programs). Each grant is determined by individual need and will be sent directly to the home heating supplier.

To apply, contact:

- The Salvation Army at 716-883-9800, extension 230; or
- Catholic Charities at 716-856-4494 or 716-218-1400 (ask for Parish Outreach).

In Chautauqua County, eligible families or individuals should contact the following:

- The Salvation Army at 716-664-4108;
- Catholic Charities at 716-372-0101; or
- Chautauqua County Office for the Aging at 716-753-4471 if age 60 or older.

National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation is the Utility segment of National Fuel Gas Company, a diversified energy company that is engaged in a number of natural gas-related activities. The Utility provides natural gas service to more than 750,000 customers in Western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. For more information, visit www.nationalfuel.com.