

**NEW JERSEY SHARES RECEIVES A \$20,000 GIFT TO WARM THE HOLIDAYS
FROM THE AGL RESOURCES FOUNDATION**

Ewing, NJ, December 23, 2008: Although she is a working mother of three children living in a residential neighborhood in Rahway, she and her husband always had room for one more, so they offered their home to a child under the care of the Division of Youth Services (DYS). Then gas prices started to skyrocket and it got harder and harder to pay her Elizabethtown Gas bill. Suddenly, the couple so willing to lend a helping hand needed one. She knew where to turn for help. She contacted Rahway Community Action Program at JFK Center and applied to NJ SHARES who granted her \$495.00 to pay her natural gas bill.

NJ SHARES is a non-profit organization that assists New Jersey residents who are having temporary financial difficulty paying their gas or electric bill. Recently, the AGL Resources Foundation has generously donated \$20,000 to NJ SHARES, enabling it to reach more New Jersey households who are facing a financial crisis and who are having trouble paying their energy bills. AGL Resources is the parent company of Elizabethtown Gas Company, a New Jersey-based gas utility company. The Foundation is a charitable entity that supports energy-related and educational initiatives.

“We are very grateful for this generous gift, which will enable us to help more of our neighbors who are currently facing a financial crisis,” said Jim Jacob, NJ SHARES’ executive director. “In the current economic climate and with the cold weather upon us, New Jersey residents will need our energy assistance grants more than ever before and gifts such as this one from AGL Resources will help us to meet this growing need.”

“AGL Resources is committed to the communities we serve,” said Timothy Williams, AGL Resources’ manager of community affairs. “We provide an essential service, to our customers, so we take our role as a corporate citizen very seriously. We are pleased to give our support to NJ SHARES whose business is to extend a helping hand to our neighbors.”

NJ SHARES is an energy assistance program that assists those people who do not otherwise qualify for utility bill assistance through traditional programs such as the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program or the Universal Service Fund. Eligibility for these programs is based on income. NJ SHARES is not based on income, but on temporary need. NJ SHARES helps households with a temporary financial hardship that could have resulted from a loss, an illness or other misfortune. To donate or apply for the NJ SHARES program, please call our toll free number (1-866-657-4273) or visit our website at www.njshares.org.

The New Jersey SHARES Board consists of New Jersey’s seven natural gas and electric utilities (Atlantic City Electric, Elizabethtown Gas, Jersey Central Power and Light, New Jersey Natural Gas, Rockland Electric, South Jersey Gas and Public Service Electric & Gas), ten non-profit agencies (AARP, Bayada Nurses, The Salvation Army, The American Red Cross, Association for Children of New Jersey, :New Jersey Community Action Agencies, Catholic Charities The Community Health Law Project, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey and NJPIRG), and four at-large members Verizon, PNC Bank, Mr. Michael Swayze of Montclair and Ms. Sigrid Franzblau of the law firm Riker, Danzig.

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