



Summit Natural Gas of Maine

2018 Community Engagement Report



Message from our CEO

At Summit, we take our responsibility of being a good corporate citizen seriously, which is why being a good friend, community member and neighbor is at the heart of what we do.

In 2018, we are proud to have supported many important nonprofit organizations throughout the state that focus on food insecurity, environmental issues, the arts and many other efforts that will help us build strong local economies and communities throughout Maine.

Whether it's going above and beyond helping one of our customers with an issue, donating to a local charitable organization or volunteering with one of Maine's many extraordinary nonprofit organizations, we understand that we are only as strong as the communities we serve. We look forward to continuing to be a strong partner for years to come and building on the successes of 2018.

Kurt Adams
President and CEO



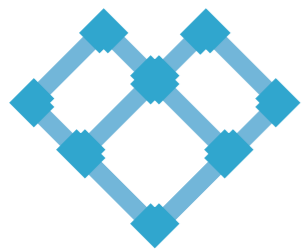


Summit Natural Gas of Maine employees recently used some of their VTO time to volunteer at Pine Tree Camp on the shore of North Pond in Rome, Maine. Pine Tree Camp offers children and adults with disabilities an extraordinary summer camp experience.

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Volunteerism

In 2018, Summit provided each employee 20 hours of paid time off to use volunteering with nonprofit organizations in the communities we serve. This year Summit employees donated almost four weeks of volunteer time. Whether working individually or as a team, Summit employees volunteered with local youth camps, Earth Day events, nonprofit fundraisers and served on boards of local nonprofit organizations. While many employees use their 20 hours to volunteer for individual causes, in 2018 Summit organized two daylong volunteer opportunities, one with Pine Tree Camp and the other with Yarmouth Communities Services.



Community Giving Program

In 2018, Summit gave more than \$5 for every residential customer we serve back to the community through charitable sponsorship and our annual grants program.

This year sponsorship included:

- The Royal River Conservation Trust's Run of the Royal
- The League of Conservation Voters Evening for the Environment
- Literacy Volunteers of Augusta Story Walk
- Falmouth 300th Anniversary
- Spirit Series
- Save Your Breath 5K by Free ME from Lung Cancer

In addition to sponsorships, each year Summit provides six grants to local nonprofit organizations that focus on wellness, economic, educational, environmental and cultural initiatives. *2018 awardees were:*

Augusta Colonial Theater:

The Augusta Colonial Theater in downtown Augusta, Maine will resume theater tours for the public beginning in June. The nonprofit group plans to recruit and train volunteers to conduct the tours and to create educational materials. The group will also prepare communications to market and promote the tours. Funds will be used for training, educational handouts, signage and banners, and marketing efforts.

Camp to Belong:

CTB Maine is a nonprofit organization dedicated to reuniting brothers and sisters who have become separated by foster care or adoption through a week of camp in the summer and other events throughout the year. Last year, 60 Maine youth participated in the camp. To run and maintain the camp, it costs about \$100,000 a year, which the organization gets primarily through donations, fundraisers and grants.

Central Maine Growth Council:

For two years, CMGC has collaborated with the Mid-Maine Technical Center (MMTC) to coordinate a robust pre-apprenticeship program that has connected over 150 students with local businesses. Now, CMGC is connecting STEM education with technology-based businesses through a series of initiatives. Funds will be allocated to:

- operating expenses
- attracting STEM-related businesses to the pre-apprenticeship programs
- highlighting high school STEM classes and extracurriculars at Central Maine Tech Night
- participating in STEM-related entrepreneurial events
- showcasing the skills of STEM-involved high school students through an expo

Falmouth Food Pantry:

The Falmouth Food Pantry provides support to families in need in Falmouth, Cumberland, Yarmouth, Portland, and Westbrook. The pantry also assists families in crisis through advocacy and personal support where possible. Each family can visit the Pantry twice a month or receive home delivery once a month as needed. The items provided for each family helps them use their scarce funds for other essentials. Funds will be used to purchase more nutritious foods such as fresh produce, proteins, and root vegetables.

Pathway to Potential:

Pathway to Potential was founded by Olympian Julia Clukey with the unwavering belief that all students, regardless of income or background, deserve a quality education and career success. With that in mind, the organization runs several initiatives, including college consulting, summer camp for girls, leadership conferences, and living inspiration conferences. Funds will support Kennebec Valley youth at summer camps and college immersion programs.

Yarmouth Fire Rescue Explorers:

Yarmouth Fire Rescue Explorer Post 178 is a high school age coed youth organization that is learning about the fire service and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in their community. Experienced adult members train the youth members on firefighting techniques and the benefits of a strong volunteer fire rescue service in their community. The organization needs to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for youth members so they can safely respond to calls. They will not be allowed to go to car accidents or fight interior fires, but they will need helmets, boots, eye protection, gloves and turnout gear for support roles on the exterior of a building fire. Funds will be used to purchase the PPE.



United Way Campaign

United Way mobilizes our community in ways that no single agency, individual or government can to enhance the ability of people to care for one another. Each year, Summit partners with the United Way to raise money for charitable organizations throughout our communities. Employees can help by being an advocate, giving, and/or volunteering with the United Way. Summit matches employee contributions up to \$5,000 annually to the United Way Campaign.



Community Education

One of our core values is the safety of our communities, customers, and employees, which is why each year we work to educate the communities we serve about natural gas safety through safety presentation with public safety officials, citizens and students at local elementary schools!



2018 Coat Drive

Each year, Summit Natural Gas of Maine employees generously donate to local families in need around the holidays. In 2018, they put together a coat drive for Farrington Elementary School in Augusta for low income students. The school was in need of brand-new winter coats for children ages 5 to 11. There are 370 students at Farrington, many of whom do not have suitable clothing to withstand the harsh winter weather. In total, Summit donated 43 new coats to help students stay warm this winter.



Cans for a Cure

In honor and memory of Summit's family member, Terri Boynton, who recently lost her battle with cancer, the Summit team spent 2018 collecting cans and bottles for Cans for a Cure. In total, they collected more than \$700 for the cause.



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