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Dear Community Partner:

As we approach colder weather and continue to recover from the COVID pandemic, we are here to help families that are facing financial hardship. Everyday household costs are stretching family budgets and it may seem like there is no relief. The state of New Jersey has addressed this by making changes to Utility Assistance programs that many of the families in your community may be eligible to receive. Some changes include increased income thresholds to allow more households to be eligible and higher benefit amounts to provide greater relief. For example, a family of 4 can make up to \$111,000 and be eligible for assistance benefits. In some cases, entire past due balances can be erased should a customer qualify for the USF Fresh Start Program.

The Utility Assistance programs were expanded for a two-year period through September 30, 2023, so we encourage all to apply this benefit season. Information on all available programs can be found on our website at [elizabethtowngas.com/energyassistance](http://elizabethtowngas.com/energyassistance).

The attached Energy Assistance Fact Sheet provides contact information for agencies that can provide more detailed information and program applications. Additionally, all programs have an online application, where applicants may apply for assistance without leaving their home. We ask that you share this information electronically, through social media or on your district website.

Representatives from Elizabethtown Gas are available to speak about conservation measures and energy assistance by request. Should you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 908-662-8475 or [dtrocan@sjindustries.com](mailto:dtrocan@sjindustries.com).

Sincerely,

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