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Atmos Energy Donates \$1.5 Million to Feed Students, Families Amid Covid-19 Pandemic

MONROE(April 1, 2020) – The escalating public health crisis is responsible for an unprecedented number of school closures, layoffs and economic disruptions across the country, and millions of students who depend on school food programs for their next meal also have parents whose jobs are at risk or have been eliminated due to the pandemic. Today the Atmos Energy/Robert W. Best Charitable Giving Fund announced a \$1.5 million donation to quickly stock the shelves at local food banks around the country, where students and families affected by the coronavirus outbreak can access a steady supply of nutritious meals during these uncertain times.

“More than 3 million U.S. workers filed for unemployment benefits last week alone, and many of those are parents with children who rely on school food programs for breakfast and lunch every day,” said Kevin Akers, Atmos Energy president and CEO. “While many will be left wondering how to pay rent, afford medical bills or make the next car payment, we envision this crucial support will help remove some of the mystery around where those folks might find their next meal.”

By directing \$1.5 million to local food banks that serve students and families most in need, this donation will have a direct and immediate impact on many of the 1,400 communities that Atmos Energy serves. Food banks across the country are vital relief organizations during this crisis and the need for food assistance will continue to grow in the coming weeks and months as schools remain closed and unemployment continues to rise.

“We greatly value our existing partnerships with so many well-respected local organizations nationwide, and this is one way that Atmos Energy can further aid those in our communities who need a helping hand,” said Akers.

The Atmos Energy/Robert W. Best Charitable Giving Fund makes contributions that advance its focus on three pillars of outreach – health, education, and community welfare.

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