

CORPORATE **GIVING**

an investment in our future



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Through Giving, we are committed to the investment in our future, with an emphasis on sustainable partnerships. We proudly support education programs, aimed specifically at math, science and engineering; environmental programs that focus on reducing the causes and impact of climate change; and community investment programs that directly support our employees and their initiatives in the community. In addition, through these focus areas, a common thread is the emphasis on Diversity and Inclusion, and Safety. We feel our focus areas specifically address issues that directly affect our business and our communities in which we serve.



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National Grid is one of the largest investor-owned utilities in the world and a low-risk international electricity and gas company operating in growing markets. 95% of our activities are in regulated businesses. In the United States we are the largest distributor of natural gas in the Northeast and deliver electricity to approximately 3.3 million customers in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island. National Grid manages the electricity network on Long Island under an agreement with the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) with 4,000 megawatts of contracted electricity generation that provides power to over one million LIPA customers. National Grid also operates a number of businesses in related areas such as Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) importation, land remediation, metering and interconnectors.

In all our business activities we are guided by our Framework for Responsible Business. This Framework sets out the principles by which we conduct our operations and how we treat the environment, our employees and our communities. We encourage and support investment in the community through the activities of our employees and our financial contributions with an emphasis on developing sustainable partnerships.

To learn more about National Grid's Framework for Responsible Business visit: www.nationalgrid.com/responsibility

We are proud to announce the publication of The Corporate Responsibility Summary Report, our seventh annual global report. It covers National Grid's efforts to be a financially successful and responsible company, one that creates value for those we serve across our growing transatlantic territory.

To review this document please visit: www.nationalgrid.com/corporate/Our+Responsibility/News/cr08.htm



EDUCATING **FUTURES**

Education fuels our future and opens horizons filled with opportunity. Through the acquisition of knowledge we unlock our potential and remove the barriers to achievement. National Grid understands that an educated society is empowered to meet and solve new technical and economic challenges as we shape the future of our world. The following are examples of our financial support, partnership and outreach efforts... the seeds of success.



United Nations Association of Greater Boston's Global Classrooms program, sponsored by National Grid, brought the Model UN experience to urban schools in Boston and beyond. Their Conference at Northeastern University brought together 128 urban middle and high school students to debate topics such as eliminating the drug trade through agricultural alternatives, human rights of indigenous people and economic development in Latin America.

Global initiative

One powerful voice

“Global Classrooms allowed me to see that I could improve the world. I learned how a team of delegates could actually unite leagues of countries in order to improve current conditions and progressively move the world towards a better future. Model UN has become the focal point where all of my classes, education and experiences come together.”

Eliza Williams

Global Classrooms Graduate
now attending Boston University
majoring in International Relations

Bottom Line

A Boston based organization dedicated to helping disadvantaged students in need of guidance and support as they navigate the complex college application process and pursue college degrees. National Grid's grant provided seed money to expand this program to Worcester, Massachusetts and served 75 of the area's high school students in its first year.



Marian Younge will be attending Tufts University with the help of Bottom Line.

City Year

City Year unites young people of all backgrounds for a year giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world through citizen service, civic leadership and social entrepreneurship. National Grid's support of the 'Young Heroes' program enabled middle school students to learn about teamwork, diversity, leadership skills and major social justice and community issues throughout the New England region.

In addition, National Grid supported students in the Brooklyn, New York area through the 'Starfish Corps' program, a service-focused after-school program designed to engage 3rd-6th graders in community projects and provide constructive and safe after-school activities.



William Biggs – graduate of the Young Heroes program.

College of Staten Island/CUNY

National Grid teamed up with CUNY to launch a pilot program designed to inspire underserved, at-risk high school students and encourage them to follow engineering career paths. High school students worked on exciting engineering projects involving robots and engineering microcontrollers designed to teach the basic problem solving concepts of engineering design. The success of this pilot has compelled National Grid to expand the program from 20 to 60 students per year.

On Point for College (OPC)

Located in Syracuse, New York, On Point for College is on a mission to make higher education accessible to youth from low-income backgrounds...often the first persons in their families to attain a college degree. National Grid funding has enabled this program to provide one-on-one mentoring and "last dollar" grants for textbooks, housing, enrollment fees, etc. As of March 2007, 1,070 OPC students were enrolled in 140 colleges and universities and 125 students earned their college degrees.



Manchester, NH Young Hero participating in community service.

Energy Utility Technology (EUT) Training Program

A workforce training program that involves a partnership between National Grid and several community colleges in Massachusetts. It was recently recognized as a national best practice by the U.S. Department of Labor. Students take classes in computer applications, technical math, industrial safety and more as part of a two-semester, college-credit program designed by National Grid to assist them in earning an EUT Certificate. The program includes a 10-week internship at our training facility in Millbury, Massachusetts and proudly, we have already offered employment to several recent graduates.

The Partnership, Inc.

Located in Boston, Massachusetts, The Partnership, Inc. demonstrates National Grid's commitment to diversity. The Partnership convenes thought leaders committed to the advancement of multicultural professionals, and National Grid sponsors and supports numerous activities including fundraising galas, training and leadership development. The ultimate goal is to assist program graduates as they advance professionally and encourage their decision to remain in the region.



Students of The Partnership, Inc.'s Boston Fellows Program. Photo courtesy of Marilyn Humphries.

- Adirondack Community College Foundation
- Boston Center for Community and Justice
- Bottom Line
- Boys and Girls Clubs of Buffalo
- City Year
- College of Staten Island/CUNY
- Community Energy Services
- Energy Utility Technology (EUT) Training Program
- Erie Canal Museum
- Friends of the Central Library
- Hudson Valley Community College Foundation
- John F. Kennedy Library Foundation
- Le Moyne College
- Leadership Greater Syracuse
- Middlesex Community College Foundation
- Montezuma Audubon Center
- Museum of Science & Technology (MOST) Foundation
- New York Newspapers Foundation
- On Point for College (OPC)
- Onondaga County Public Library Foundation
- Peoples Equal Action and Community Effort, Inc.
- Quinsigamond Community College Foundation
- Sagamore Institute of the Adirondacks
- The Northshore Community College Foundation
- The Partnership, Inc.
- Thompson Island Outward Bound
- United Nations Association of Greater Boston
- United Way of Central Massachusetts

ENERGY REDEFINED

We are the custodians of planet Earth and entrusted with the responsibility to sustain our growth for future generations. The protection and enhancement of our environment demands that we preserve the natural balance in the application of technology and the use of our energy resources. For National Grid these are more than priorities, it's the way we do business.



The Green Education Foundation's mission is to provide educational resources that promote sustainable, impactful pro-green habits and practices in children, families, and communities. National Grid supported the Foundation with a grant to pilot a national environmental education program developed to empower children to become environmental stewards. Over 30,000 children from across our U.S. service territory participated in the hugely successful National Green Week.

Coloring our world...

green

The second grade class of the Beechwood Knoll Elementary School in Quincy, Massachusetts monitored the use of drink container trash which in one week alone amounted to 913 containers. Two months later, the count was cut down to 551 containers for a reduction of 40%. They also monitored their own snack trash and achieved an 87% reduction in just one week. In addition, at a recycling book fair the children purchased books for summer reading with the proceeds going to their enrichment programs.



National Grid is committed to the protection and enhancement of the environment, always seeking to minimize the impacts of our past, present and future activities. We believe that everyone is responsible for good environmental performance and we incorporate environmental considerations into all of our business activities.

Boston Children’s Museum

National Grid provided the Boston Children’s Museum in Massachusetts with a grant to launch ‘Green At Home’, an energy efficiency education program designed to teach children and their families how to mitigate the effects of climate change and take positive steps towards environmental-minded lifestyles.



Boston Children’s Museum visitor helping build a green roof. Photo courtesy of Boston Children’s Museum.

University at Albany

National Grid partnered with the University at Albany to pilot their ‘Change a Light Campaign’, an effort that supported the University’s commitment to conserve and lower their energy use. Approximately 4,000 students received a compact fluorescent bulb as a replacement for the incandescent bulb they were currently using to help the campus realize an energy savings of approximately \$16,000. National Grid’s support helped students better understand their responsibility to choose and sustain a healthy environment for themselves and the community-at-large.

New England Aquarium

The New England Aquarium was provided with a grant from National Grid to fund several signature environmental education programs. They include, among others: ‘Free-To-Learn’ program (providing free Aquarium admission to 3,500 children and their teachers from low income communities), ‘Teen Ocean Summit’ (one-day symposium for 75 students and their teachers from 10 Massachusetts high schools to discuss and debate Climate Change), and the ‘Teacher Resource Center’ (underwriting costs for providing teacher services and loaned resources).



Visitors enjoying the fish tank. Photographer/photo courtesy of Sam Cheng.

Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod

National Grid established a partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod to help alleviate the critical issue of affordable housing across Cape Cod. A grant from National Grid supported ‘Building A Green Community’ and went towards the direct build of 8 energy efficient homes and a model training program in Harwich, Massachusetts.



The future homeowners of Gomes Way, Harwich, MA. Photos courtesy of Rick Knight.

Community Energy Services

National Grid supported this upstate New York organization’s ‘Project Green Teams’, an after-school educational program that combines learning with critical thinking and decision making to create changes in energy awareness and energy use in students. The culminating activity for PGT each year is the ‘Youth Energy and Environmental Expo’. Over 200 students with 77 separate projects are anticipated to participate in the Energy Fair.

City Parks Foundation

Three unique environmental education programs in New York City; ‘Green Girls Institute’, ‘Seeds to Trees’, and ‘It’s My Park!’ Day benefited from a grant from National Grid.



Student explores the parts of a forest in City Parks Foundation’s Seeds to Trees program.



Participants of City Parks Foundation’s Seeds to Trees program plant a tree seedling in Forest Park, Queens. Photos courtesy of Alan Roche, City Parks Foundation’s Seeds to Trees.

Energy Fuel Assistance Programs and Heating Funds

National Grid is sensitive to households struggling to pay their energy bills and who do not qualify for federal or state energy funds. In Massachusetts and Rhode Island we sponsored ‘The Good Neighbor Energy Fund’, administered by the Salvation Army. In New Hampshire, we sponsored the fuel assistance program ‘Neighbor Helping Neighbor’. And, in New York, we sponsored a similar program called the ‘Care & Share Energy Fund’, administered by the Red Cross. We are proud that our partnership with these fine organizations provided assistance to hundreds of thousands of households in need.

Schenectady Museum Association

National Grid was named the ‘Clean Energy’ sponsor of the Museum’s ‘Wind and Solar Power Exhibit’, an interactive experience that educates the community about solar and wind power and provides a platform to examine issues associated with the use of renewable energy. This exhibit is slated to run for three to five years.



Congressman Paul Tonko addresses visitors during the opening of the new Wind & Solar Power Interactives at the Schenectady Museum. Photo courtesy of Schenectady Museum.

- Amsterdam Waterfront Foundation
- Audubon Society of Rhode Island
- Boston Children’s Museum
- Central Business Improvement District Management Association
- City Parks Foundation
- Community Energy Services
- Connect Us Altwheels Inc.
- Green Education Foundation
- Groundwork Concord, Inc.
- Habitat for Humanity of Cape Cod
- New England Aquarium
- Rhode Island Community Food Bank
- Schenectady Museum Association
- Southern New Hampshire Services, Inc.
- The Salvation Army
- University at Albany



A family explores turbines in the new Wind & Solar Power Interactives section of the Schenectady Museum. Mike Hemberger, Photographer/Photo courtesy of Schenectady Museum.

INVESTING OURSELVES

We share our humanity, our interdependence and our diversity in our communities. But there are times when we may be alone and without the basic resources we need to realize our hopes and aspirations. For National Grid, to invest in communities is to transform lives and provide new opportunities. Our philanthropic efforts embody that which brings us together and renew our dreams of a brighter future.



The InterFaith Works of Central New York is a National Grid Giving Partner dedicated through education, service and dialogue, to affirm the dignity of each person. They aspire to create communities in which the beliefs held by people of faith, traditional and non-traditional, are honestly and openly explored and where ample opportunities are provided to recognize and honor different life expressions.

The race

to end racism

Ducks of all shapes, sizes and colors mirroring the diversity of our society filled Onondaga Creek as part of an effort to raise awareness of the damaging effects of racism. Hundreds of people participated at Inner Harbor for an exciting day of food, fun, and a deeper understanding of the rich colors and textures of our humanity.



United Way

We're proud to be a major supporter of the United Way. Our significant investment with this critical organization continues to make a positive impact across the cities and towns where we live and work. Last year, National Grid along with its 17,000 U.S. employees contributed over \$3 million to the United Way campaign.



National Grid SVP Marcy Reed mentors 8th grade girls at a United Way of Central MA Dollar Diva event.

Community Outreach

Every summer, National Grid donates tickets to youth groups, little leagues and summer camps in New York to attend minor league baseball games in Brooklyn (Brooklyn Cyclones) and Long Island (Long Island Ducks). We also assist a number of local organizations in New Hampshire throughout the year through our support of the SMG-Verizon Wireless Arena.

National Grid Community Volunteer Initiatives

The National Grid Community Volunteer Turkey Drive was an employee volunteer driven effort to purchase supermarket food cards to distribute to non-profit agencies in the National Grid territory for distribution to their clients in need at Thanksgiving. The campaign succeeded in assisting more than 500 families within the metro area with a \$25 food card.

Junior Achievement

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students about work readiness, entrepreneurship and financial literacy through hands-on programs. Our involvement over the past year included volunteer recruitment sessions, a

'Bowl-a-thon' that raised more than \$70,000, as well as co-hosting two leadership conferences.



National Grid employees participate in an annual Bowl-a-thon to raise money for Junior Achievement. Photo courtesy of Eugene Sorensen/National Grid.

Earth Day Initiatives

National Grid participated in numerous Earth Day educational and clean up efforts across our U.S. service territory. Highlights included co-sponsoring a New York City-wide environmental education event for schools and students and Earth Day 'power of action' clean ups at a Lowell, Massachusetts park.



National Grid employees provided cleaning services and repaired brick work at Point Street Landing in Providence, RI.

Disaster Relief Funding

National Grid responded to the unprecedented ice storm of 2008 in a variety of ways. Crews worked tireless hours to restore power to customers. Employees volunteered at American Red Cross Chapters across our U.S. service territory. In addition, National Grid corporate supported several Red Cross chapters across impacted communities with grants totaling \$230,000.



National Grid provided volunteers, 5000 pounds of dry ice and 4000 bottles of water to emergency and Red Cross shelters



Despite cold weather and gusting winds, National Grid employees were focused on restoration efforts.

- Action for Boston Community Development, Inc.
- American Heart Association
- American Red Cross
- ARC of Onondaga
- Interfaith Works of Central NY
- Jefferson Awards for Public Service
- Junior Achievement
- Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
- Onondaga Historical Association Museum and Research Center
- Providence Performing Arts Center
- Rosie's Place
- SU Theatre Corporation
- Syracuse 20/20
- The Salvation Army of the Syracuse Area
- United Way Chapters throughout our service territory



More than 100 National Grid employees volunteered to staff Red Cross shelters during the ice storm of 2008.

*At National Grid we believe that through our
Giving we are investing in our future.*

*We are committed to supporting sustainable
programs that focus on Education and
Skills, Energy and the Environment and
Community Investment. We will continue
to apply the power of action to make a
difference in the lives of our neighbors and,
together, to lead the way to a better world.*

