



Unitil Lends a Helping Hand During the United Ways' Day of Caring

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Hampton, NH – September 28, 2000: Unitil Corporation (AMEX: UTL) (www.unitil.com) and its employees provided approximately seven hundred hours of service to the United Ways through their Annual Day of Caring events.

On September 12th, forty volunteers from Unitil/Exeter & Hampton Electric Company and corporate headquarters returned to the Seacoast Hospice to help them with various projects, including grounds clean up, barn clean-up, painting indoors, hanging shutters, painting the garage, as well as some office work. Many of the volunteers assisted in creating a labyrinth for the patients at the Hospice. The labyrinth is similar to a maze, providing a "mindful walk" for the patients to collect their thoughts. Future plans include creating a Memorial Garden around the labyrinth.

Employees from Unitil/Concord Electric Company and the Unitil/Customer Service Center gave their time to the United Way of Merrimack County on September 14th. Volunteers spent time at Camp Spaulding in Penacook, NH and the Concord Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The volunteers helped Camp Spaulding build a 36 foot Climbing Wall for their Adventure Course as well as other projects including putting up utility shelves, spreading mulch, and setting ground poles for a volleyball net. Camp Spaulding provides opportunities to underprivileged children to enjoy time in the outdoors. Some Unitil volunteers spent their time at the SPCA walking the dogs, feeding the animals, and grooming them.

In May of this year, volunteers from Unitil/Fitchburg Gas & Electric Light Company provided their services to the North Central Human Services group, located in Gardner, MA. The seventeen volunteers split into groups and traveled to different satellite locations of the Human Services group to help them with grounds work. Their duties included mowing the lawns, planting flowers, and tending to the shrubbery. Their work was much appreciated at each of the locations.

"I'm proud to be one of the Unitil employees who participated in the United Way Day of Caring," says Bob Schoenberger, CEO of Unitil Service Corporation. "Unitil is committed to teamwork and achievement and it is rewarding to see the same enthusiasm carry into the community."

The Day of Caring is a one-day volunteer event that mobilizes thousands of people in various regions. The purpose of the day is to help agencies assist local people in need through "hands-on" work of volunteers. Volunteers from companies and the community will perform tasks such as reading to children, serving meals, repairing items, painting offices and buildings, sorting donations, and countless other essential projects at area non-profit health and human service agencies.

Unitil is a public utility holding company with a combination electric and gas utility distribution operation in north central Massachusetts and electric utility distribution operations in several cities and towns in the seacoast and capital city areas of New Hampshire. Unitil is also engaged in energy planning, procurement, marketing and consulting activities through both its utility and non-utility subsidiaries. Its subsidiaries are Concord Electric Company, Exeter & Hampton Electric Company, Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company, Unitil Power Corp., Unitil Realty Corp., Unitil Resources, Inc., and Unitil Service Corporation.

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