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## For Utah's Energy Workers, Lending a Helping Hand in the Community has Always Been A Priority and Source of Great Pride

**Salt Lake City, Utah** (September 26, 2020) — Energy workers and companies in Utah's oil and gas industry are continuing a longstanding tradition of giving back to their communities and neighbors. On September 25, the Utah Petroleum Association's (UPA) member companies joined Farmers Feeding Utah (FFU) to deliver fresh produce and meet to rural communities across the state.

Energy workers and FFU came together at the Uintah County Western Park in Vernal, Utah to distribute food and celebrate UPA's presentation of a \$7,000 check to cover additional food donations. Utah companies contributing to the event and FFU's programs included Caerus Oil and Gas, CH4-Finley Utah, EOG Resources, Ovintiv, and XCL Resources.

A sample of community outreach efforts have included:

- Caerus has teamed up with the Vernal Area Chamber of Commerce and Walmart to purchase, pack and deliver 60 loaded backpacks, personal items, and hand sanitizer to underprivileged students in the local community.
- In addition, Caerus has coordinated a number of voluntary cleanup efforts, including large graffiti and trash clean up on the Utah School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration property and noxious weed removal on local BLM properties.
- Caerus has also been involved in various youth development programs. The company donated \$1000 to the local Boy Scouts of America fund and committed support of regional junior livestock shows and Special Olympics tournament events.
- Altamont worked alongside neighbors in Roosevelt, Utah to provide local residents with 10 chords of wood to heat their homes. The team came together with local youth to split and deliver the wood in advance of this year's fall and winter seasons.
- Ovintiv's recent grants, approximately \$1.5M, to the Uintah Basin Medical Center and Uintah Basin Technical College is indicative of the industry's commitment to improving the communities' where we operate quality of life and engaging in partnerships to care and train local residents.
- Marathon Petroleum has provided a \$25,000 grant to the Junior Achievement of Utah to maintain the company's storefront at the Spencer F. Eccles Junior Achievement City. The local JA City program combines in-class learning with a day-long visit to this fully interactive simulated learning facility where students learn first-hand about time and money management as they work, bank, and shop as consumers.

- In addition, Marathon Petroleum has given \$50,000 to support the Breathe Utah Air Quality education teacher workshops. The company provides teachers with several science experiment kits modeling combustion, cold air pools (inversions), etc. Participating teachers receive continuing education credits and the curriculum is approved by the Utah State Board of Education and directly tied to the core for K-12.
- XLC Resources is also supporting regional junior livestock events and has recently made donations to the Duchesne County Food Pantry which plays a large role in feeding rural families in need.

During the global coronavirus pandemic, the industry has worked side by side with healthcare professionals and first responders to defeat the spread of the virus and provide critical energy and services to Utah residents and businesses.

The industry, inspired by frontline workers, have made a number of contributions to bolster support for emergency care and community public health. These efforts have included:

- The oil and gas industry is partnering with the State of Utah to make COVID-19 testing sites available for critical infrastructure workers, including those at production and refining locations across the state. This is an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 from spreading through asymptomatic individuals and to ensure critical infrastructure and services continue to flow to Utahns during this crisis. See TestUtah.com for more information.
- Chevron Refinery, located in Davis County, has contributed \$50,000 in gas cards to three organizations in the Salt Lake area for their coronavirus pandemic crisis relief efforts: Utah Food Bank, Bountiful Community Food Pantry and South Davis Metro Fire Department. Each of these organizations has used the cards to meet workforce and community fuel needs during the pandemic
- Chevron also donated 330 gallons of hand sanitizer to the local Davis School District to protect teachers and students alike.
- Apache has developed a Thermal Mass Scanner which can help businesses monitor body temperatures for anyone entering a facility. The Mass Scanner has dual lens intelligence, high accuracy, immediate results and non-contact, giving it the ability to scan up to 5000 people in less than 30 minutes.
- Apache has also developed the Tomahawk 2000 UV-C Light, a tool which can quickly sterilize an area in a minimal amount of time, an average office would take approximately three minutes. Other potential areas could include restrooms, and lunchrooms, offices.
- Marathon Petroleum has donated 9,600 N95 to Intermountain Health in Murray and 9,600 N95 to University of Utah Hospital in SLC. The company has also donated 550 cases of Nitrile exam gloves (275 cases to Salt Lake City Police and Fire and an additional 275 cases to Salt Lake County Health Department).
- XCL Resources has donated resources to the Ute Tribe's emergency fund and is working with the tribe to help elderly in the community access supplies such as hand sanitizer and water bottles. The funds will also help tribal youth get back to school during the pandemic.