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# NRH Notice

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**Subject: Winter Warmth Fund**

### Background:

On December 15, 2004, the United Way, Enbridge Gas Distribution and Toronto Hydro officially launched the Winter Warmth Fund. The fund provides financial assistance to help low-income families and individuals struggling to meet all their financial commitments, including their heating bills.

The fund was introduced as a pilot project by Enbridge Gas Distribution and the United Way of Greater Toronto during the winter of 2003/04. This year, with the additional participation of a network of local United Ways and community-based agencies, the Winter Warmth Fund has expanded to reach Enbridge customers in other Ontario communities.

### How the Fund Works:

Families and individuals needing financial assistance to pay their Enbridge Gas Distribution charges can apply for assistance through their local United Way lead agency for the initiative, or through community-based intake agencies, where information about the Winter Warmth Fund will be posted. Eligible grant recipients include households living below or near the poverty line who are in arrears or at risk of going into arrears on their Enbridge Gas Distribution bills.

Community-based agencies in the Niagara region participating in this initiative are:

- Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie: Project S.H.A.R.E. - 905-357-5121
- St. Catharines & District: Community Care of St. Catharines & Thorold - 905-685-1349
- Welland: Community Resource & Action Centre - 905-788-0744

Please refer to the attached press release for more information. The above agencies should be contacted for more information regarding program availability.

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Lora Beckwith, General Manager  
Enclosure