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Low-Cost Heating Oil Program Benefits Many

(NAPSA)—Warming the homes of Americans is a heating oil program that plans to distribute 100 million gallons of heating oil at 40 percent discount in 18 states. This will potentially benefit 1.2 million people, including members of more than 163 Native American tribes.

The CITGO-Venezuela Heating Oil Program is sponsored by CITGO Petroleum Corporation, a company that is also the sponsor of a number of community activities in areas they do business. For example:

- After hurricanes Katrina and Rita, employees in many locations spent countless hours volunteering to help, and the company donated in excess of \$2 million. At the time, the company was also instrumental in ensuring that extra cargoes of gasoline—roughly totaling one million barrels—were available to alleviate fuel shortages in the United States. CITGO's efforts in this area were recognized by several U.S. government officials.

- CITGO recently donated \$5 million to expand the Southwest Louisiana Center for Health Services (SWLA) in Lake Charles, which serves the uninsured and other people in need.

- CITGO is the largest corporate sponsor of the Muscular



Joe Kennedy's Citizen Energy Corporation works closely with CITGO and friends from Venezuela to deliver heating oil to those who need it most.

Dystrophy Association and it is proud of its 21-year relationship with this organization, to which it has contributed more than \$83 million.

The oil company, which is incorporated in the U.S., is extremely proud of a heritage that goes back nearly a century. Half the oil company was purchased by Petr6leos de Venezuela in 1986 and the full acquisition was completed in 1990, giving it access to the largest crude oil reserves in the Western Hemisphere.

To learn more about other community services by the oil company, visit www.citgo.com.