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THE HEISSE JOHNSON HAND UP FUND, (FORMERLY THE HEISSE JOHNSON KEEPING WARM PROGRAM) IS A PROGRAM TO PROVIDE DESPERATELY NEEDED FUNDS TO UNDERWRITE AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE UTILITY BILLS FOR DESERVING FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE FACE THE LOSS OF HEAT IN THEIR HOMES BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT MEANS TO PAY THEIR HEATING BILLS.

In 1989, through the vision of the Rev. Dr. Heisse Johnson, the Hand Up Fund became a reality. The success of this program was enhanced by the Johnson City Power Board and the gas company (Atmos Energy) allowing customers to designate specific amounts on their power bills for the Hand Up Fund.

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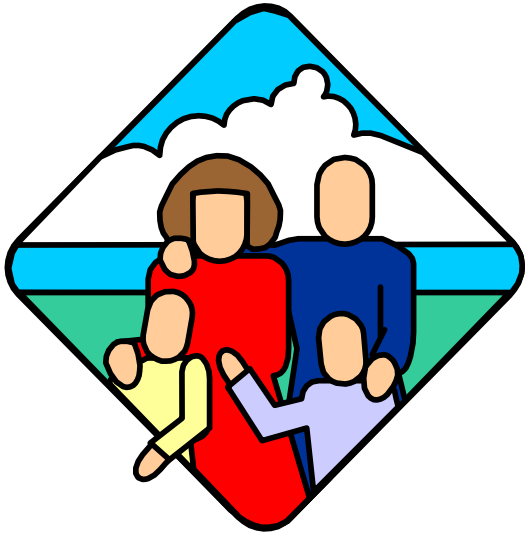

PLEASE HELP

In honor of Dr. Heisse Johnson,

The Heisse Johnson Hand Up Fund Committee

designated this program as

The Heisse Johnson Hand Up Fund.

HOW ARE FUNDS ADMINISTERED?

Designated gifts from generous customers of the Atmos Energy and the Johnson City Power Board are forwarded to the United Way of Washington County TN, Inc. Every cent donated to the HAND UP fund goes directly to aid people; no salaries or expenses are deleted from these donations.

The United Way of Washington County TN agrees to accept the contributions through the utility companies or by direct donation and to deposit such in an account to be used for HAND UP.

HOW ARE THE FUNDS DISPENSED?

Those needing HAND UP assistance receive aid through the Salvation Army and Good Samaritan Ministries, who screen prospects for eligibility and recommend to the United Way of Washington County TN which administers the fund and pays the bills.

Funds are used to purchase oil, kerosene, propane, wood, coal, Johnson City Power Board and Atmos Energy bills.

A person may receive assistance up to $125 during the year. Any medical emergencies and overrides must be cleared by the HAND UP Chairperson or Vice Chairperson.

Hand Up also assists elderly neighbors with help year round with their utility bills through the options outreach program of The First Tennessee Development District.

WHAT HAS BEEN THE HISTORY OF HAND UP?

At its inception in 1989, this program (formerly the Heisse Johnson Keeping Warm Program) served 135 clients and dispensed $7,038.51. Through the generosity of the Power Board and Atmos Energy customers and direct contributors, this program has expanded significantly. In the last 6 years, HAND UP aided an average of 790 clients and dispensed $502,395.00. ($83,733.00 annually)

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

HAND UP depends upon caring individuals for its support. Through the Johnson City Power Board and Atmos Energy, you can designate a monthly amount on your electric or gas bill. This designated amount will be included on your bill from your utility company, and upon receipt of payment, this designated sum is forwarded to the United Way of Washington County TN for the HAND UP fund.

One can make an individual gift to HAND UP by a donation

to the United Way of Washington County TN
P.O. Box 4039
Johnson City, TN 37602

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THE HEISSE JOHNSON HAND UP FUND

WHAT IS OUR WORD TO YOU FROM THE HAND UP COMMITTEE?

These utility companies have joined with the Johnson City/Washington County Ministerial Fellowship, the Salvation Army, Good Samaritan Ministries and the United Way of Washington County TN in this HAND UP fund.

The HAND UP COMMITTEE extends THANKS to these agencies and individuals who together have made this program a viable means of keeping people warm.

Thank you for warming a heart today.

KEEPING WARM