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### Need Assistance Paying Your Heating Bill?

(Brooklyn, NY)- It may have been a mild winter but that does not mean that people have not been using their heat at night. For some, they are in danger of having their heat turned off just as the cold days of winter are approaching. However, help is available.

As it has in previous years, HeartShare Human Services of New York is partnering with KeySpan Energy/national grid and ConEdison to provide assistance to low-income individuals and families who are on the verge of having their heating services disconnected.

On December 10, KeySpan/national grid customers in Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island will be able to apply for grants up to \$200 from KeySpan/national grid's Neighborhood Heating Fund. Celebrating its 25th year, the Neighborhood Heating Fund awarded more than 1,100 grants last year. Customers may call (718) 422-4207 for applications. Applications also are available at various HeartShare programs and from many members of the New York City Council and New York State Assembly and Senate.

Grants from Con Edison's EnergyShare program will be available in January. Customers in the five boroughs and Westchester who have received a disconnection notice may call (877) 480-7427 for more information in January. This is an emergency grant and can only be received once.

HeartShare has been chosen as the agency responsible for distributing these funds, which are available on a first-come, first-serve basis until all funds are exhausted. For both programs, applicants must fall within the guidelines of the

**Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP). HeartShare also administers multiple energy assistance funds for Entergy Nuclear Northeast.**

**Last year, HeartShare aided nearly 3,500 households throughout the five boroughs and Westchester thanks to the generosity of KeySpan/national grid, ConEdison, Entergy Nuclear Northeast and charitable individuals who contributed to these heating funds. HeartShare urges everyone to give the gift of warmth to his or her friends and neighbors. Send contributions to the Neighborhood Heating Fund at: Neighborhood Heating Fund, PO Box 841, Buffalo, NY 14240. Send contributions to EnergyShare at: EnergyShare, PO Box 713, Buffalo, NY 14240. Contributions are 100% tax-deductible.**

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**Celebrating its 93rd year, HeartShare is a nonprofit organization that assists more than 17,000 New Yorkers. Its wide spectrum of services provides counseling, after-school programs and assistance with foster care and adoption to children and families, supports people affected by HIV/AIDS, and administers energy assistance programs. It also helps individuals with developmental disabilities through numerous programs including education services, adult day programs, residential services, case management, recreation programs, family support services, and health services.**