# COMMUNITY RELATIONS 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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## **KUB COMMUNITY RELATIONS**





**United Way** 



Safety & Educational Outreach



Low-Income Assistance



Community Workshops





Community Connection

Serving our community is at the heart of what we do every day at KUB, and I am so proud of all the ways that our work goes beyond pipe and wires.

Gabriel J. Bolas, KUB President and CEO

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## KUB,

Thank you so much for Making and donating these sweet cards for our patients. We are so grateful to have such generous people in our community!

- Volunteer Services





KUB Cares coordinates employee volunteer service. Employees can use up to **eight hours** of paid Volunteer Time each year to help organizations like East Tennessee Children's Hospital.

## **2019 VOLUNTEER TIME**



SINCE 2014, KUB EMPLOYEES HAVE USED MORE THAN

16,000 HOURS OF VOL TIME

We love having KUB groups volunteer with us, y'all do great work!

Lauren Bird, Ijams Nature Center



#### **2019 VOLUNTEER FAIR**

In April 2019, KUB invited local organizations to educate KUB employees about their **volunteer needs.** Many employees signed up for volunteer opportunities **on the spot.** 



## **SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY**



This group from @KnoxKUB was hard at work at @MissionofHope today - packing boxes for this month's Christmas deliveries to 18,000 students in rural Appalachia. Love it when employers encourage their team members to volunteer in their community!





The Salvation Army of Knoxville is at KUB Hoskins Operations Center,

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December 4 at 11:17 AM · Knoxville · 🚱

#KUB #KnoxvilleUtilitiesBoard came through!! Thanks to employees for their TREMENDOUS generosity to our Angel Tree kids/families! #FightForGood #DoingTheMostGood



## **KUB COMMUNITY LEADERS**



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KUB employees serve on the boards of local charitable agencies and organizations Thank you so much for loaning two KUB employees to the United Way of Greater Knxoville to participate in our **2018 Loaned Executive program**. They did an outstanding job. Your employees played a major role in the success for this effort. **Over 106,000 people in need will be positively impacted in the areas of health, education, and financial stability.** 

February 2019 Ben Landers, President and CEO United Way of Greater Knoxville



#### **BE THE ONE** 2019 UNITED WAY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

KUB employees **individually support** an annual United Way fundraising campaign by purchasing tickets to **fundraising celebrations** and enrolling in paycheck contributions, along with participating in other various support opportunities.

## **UNITED WAY SUPPORT**





nearly

more than \$205,000 raised during the 2019 United Way campaign

**700** employees attended the 2019 campaign celebration

SINCE 2004, KUB EMPLOYEES HAVE RAISED MORE THAN \$3.7 million TO SUPPORT UNITED WAY



## **SAFETY & EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH**

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#### more than **85** educational appearances by KUB employees in 2019

#### 2019 SAFE DIGGING BREAKFAST

In July 2019, KUB invited contractors and excavators to its first **Safe Digging Breakfast** to share information about the importance of locating underground infrastructure.



75 area contractors attended

#### WATERFEST 2019

KUB taught elementary school students about the importance of clean water and how they can help protect it at this year's WaterFest event. WaterFest is coordinated by the **Water Quality Forum**, a coalition that includes KUB and works to keep East Tennessee waters clean.





#### LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAMS

KUB partners with the City of Knoxville, Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee (CAC), and TVA to provide weatherization for low-income families' homes through the **Round It Up (RIU)** program. RIU has been supported by TVA's **Knoxville Extreme Energy Makeover (KEEM)** and **Home Uplift** programs.

#### **ROUND IT UP IMPACT** AS OF NOVEMBER 2019





**3,169** customers still waiting for weatherization



**\$3.4M** contributed by KUB customers

#### MORE THAN **1,700** HOMES WEATHERIZED THROUGH RIU, KEEM, AND HOME UPLIFT

Click here to hear from the 400th recipient of weatherization through Round It Up.

We went without air conditioning for most of the summer because we just couldn't afford to have that repaired. We couldn't borrow the money to even do it. So it's a big deal. We're very fortunate.

Dave, Round It Up Recipient, Pictured With Wife Debbie

#### **PROJECT HELP**

Project Help provides emergency heating assistance for individuals and families who need temporary aid with their bills. While CAC administers the program, KUB collects donations from customers and the community. 100 percent of those funds are sent to CAC. PROJECT HELP



in need.

more than \$115,000 used for 2019 emergency assistance



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families assisted in 2019

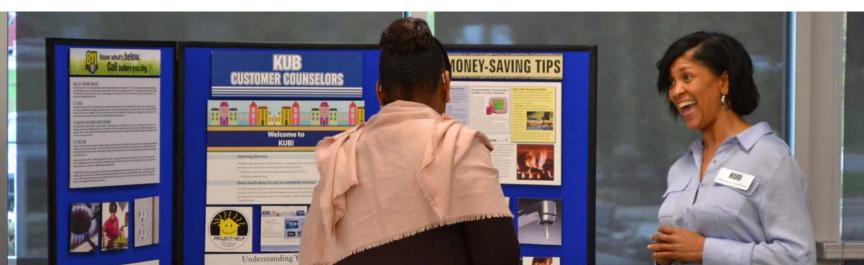
more than \$4.2M

used to help families since program began

## **CUSTOMER COUNSELORS**

KUB customer counselors provide low-income individuals and families utility bill assistance.

KUB customer counselors partner with over **100** agencies and organizations, and together have provided **\$4.1 million** toward utility bills for customers experiencing financial difficulty. Counselors handle over **24,000** agency and customer calls per year.





I encourage everyone to go to this class. I've been and I personally enjoyed the class and learned some helpful saving things. Since I took the class my light bill dropped by 10 dollars.

Callie M. on Nextdoor

## **COMMUNITY WORKSHOP IMPACT**

KUB has partnered with TVA to provide **energy and water savings workshops** that include interactive displays to illustrate simple tips to conserve and save on utility bills. Participants take home free conservation kits to get started with improvements.



To request workshops for individual community groups, customers can visit www.kub.org/workshops.

## **EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES**

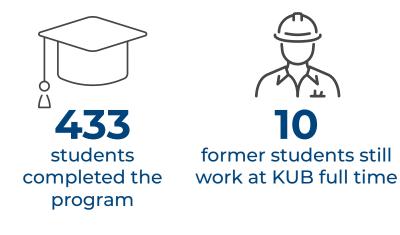
KUB works with community development non-profit Socially Equal Energy Efficient Development (SEEED), providing resources and training to empower others to present workshops for their communities.



# TEENWORK



KUB has partnered with **Austin-East Magnet High School** for **24** years to facilitate the TeenWork program, which helps students learn job skills and prepare for future careers.





#### In 1995, Trista Cody was a member of KUB's inaugural TeenWork class. In 2019, her son completed the program.

66 I'm so blessed and honored and excited that my class was able to set the standard, and that KUB enjoyed our class and continued on with the program. Now, my son gets the benefits that I was able to. It was a great opportunity for me back then, and it's an opportunity that he still benefits from today.

Trista Cody, TeenWork class of 1995







#### H2O TO GO MOBILE WATER STATION

H2O To Go provides clean, cold water at community events to replace single-use water bottles.



Click here to request H2O To Go at your next community event.

## BEST COMMUNITY CONNECTION AWARD WINNER PARK(ING) DAY 2019

www.kub.org

A Modern Bar

d Restaurant

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#### Connect and learn more.







VIDEO: Click here to see how KUB participates in the communities it serves.