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Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania receives \$20,000 grant from Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania in Fight to End Hunger

Food bank provides food to those in need within 11 counties in northwest Pennsylvania

CANONSBURG, PA. – Representatives from the **Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania** will meet with officials from **Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania** on **February 11, at 11:30 AM at 60 Musante Street in Warren, PA., to accept a \$20,000 donation** from the company’s corporate foundation, the NiSource Foundation, in support of Second Harvest across the region.

“Columbia Gas is committed to the safety of our customers and the communities we serve, and the Second Harvest Food Bank is an invaluable community resource that ensures people are safe by providing food to those in need,” said Scott Waitlevertch, manager of government and public affairs for Columbia Gas. “We hope this donation helps the food bank create awareness and educate the community on the realities of hunger across northwest Pennsylvania.”

The Second Harvest Food Bank supplies food to other anti-hunger nonprofit organizations in 11 counties of northwest Pennsylvania, including Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Venango and Warren counties. Every dollar donated to the food bank equals six meals for a person in need.

“Second Harvest is the largest nonprofit food distribution in northwest Pennsylvania and the only food bank in the region. We are grateful to receive this \$20,000 grant that will help us to provide much needed food to our 414 member agencies. Agencies that will benefit from this substantial donation include food pantries, soup kitchens, Produce Express mobile food pantries, Military Share, School Pantries, Backpack Program sites, Kids Cafes, Senior Box sites and emergency shelters,” says Marketing & Media Coordinator, Natalie Massing.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania distributes natural gas to approximately 11,000 customers in northwest Pennsylvania, including the cities of Warren and Bradford. For more information on Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania's commitment to community support, please visit ColumbiaGasPA.com/givingback.

For more information about the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania, visit www.nwpafoodbank.org.

About NiSource Charitable Foundation

NiSource established the [NiSource Charitable Foundation](#), with a mission to help create strong and sustainable communities where our employees and customers live and work. In close collaboration with NiSource employees and community partners, the foundation seeks opportunities to provide funding and encourage volunteer support for nonprofit organizations in the areas of safety, economic and workforce development, environmental stewardship, STEM and energy education and basic needs and hardship assistance.

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