



National Fuel's Foundation, Food Bank of WNY Team Up for 97 Rock's "Operation Rock Out Hunger"

(November 20, 2008) Williamsville, New York: The National Fuel Gas Company Foundation will help brighten the lives of those served by the Food Bank of WNY by participating in 97 Rock's Operation Rock Out Hunger event held between Thursday, November 20, 2008, and Wednesday, November 26, 2008.

During this event, the National Fuel Gas Company Foundation will offer a matching donation to every fresh and frozen ham or turkey donated to the Food Bank. Assorted non-perishable items will also be accepted. The event kicks-off on Thursday, November 20, 2008, at 4 p.m. with 97 Rock's DJ, Dave Jickster, who will be on-site to help collect donations.

The Food Bank's truck will be stationed at:
Rosa's Home Center - 3770 Union Road (near Galleria Drive), Cheektowaga
Thursday, November 20th, 4 p.m. until 10 p.m.
Friday, November 21st until Tuesday, November 25th, 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.
Wednesday, November 26th, 8 a.m. until 10 a.m.

"The National Fuel Gas Company Foundation is pleased to partner with the Food Bank of WNY and 97 Rock for this great event," said Julie Coppola Cox, Assistant General Manager of Corporate Communications, National Fuel. "This year, it's more important than ever to help restock the shelves at the Food Bank and we are glad to partner with this important organization once again this year."

The Food Bank of WNY is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping feed less fortunate individuals throughout the region. Its mission is to obtain food and support from public and private sources and distribute these resources to affiliated charitable providers such as soup kitchens, pantries, and shelters.

"We sincerely appreciate the commitment and generosity of the National Fuel Gas Company Foundation, which has partnered with us during the holiday season for the past several years," said Marylou Borowiak, Interim Director, Food Bank of WNY. "Through cash donations of more than \$61,000, and their employee food drive, which donated more than 2,500 pounds of food in the past two years, National Fuel has helped us to feed thousands of western New York's families.

Begun in 2004, the National Fuel Gas Company Foundation is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization that is funded entirely with contributions from the company's shareholders, receiving no financial support from any of National Fuel's business segments, including the utility. Since its inception, the Foundation and the Company's employees have offered donations reaching nearly \$3.6 million to non-profit organizations in western New York and beyond.

National Fuel is an integrated energy company with \$4.1 billion in assets comprising five principal operating segments: Utility, Pipeline and Storage, Exploration and Production, Energy Marketing, and Timber. Additional information about the company is available at <http://www.nationalfuelgas.com>.