



Help Your Neighbors by Donating to HEAT

Just as we had begun to recover from the effects of the pandemic, it now seems that Georgia's people and economy are struggling once again due to inflation and a skyrocketing cost of living. Here in Madison, we're committed to doing our part to help support those who are struggling to pay their utility bills during these difficult times. That's why we've partnered with HEAT, a charity that's been helping Georgians get back on their feet by assisting them with their heating bills for more than 39 years.

During the winter, many of us enjoy the comfort of a warm, cozy home. But thousands of Georgians must choose between paying their heating bills and buying other necessities like food or medication.

HEAT is the oldest statewide fuel fund in Georgia and provides energy assistance to thousands of vulnerable Georgians every year. HEAT has distributed more than \$29 million to nearly 115,000 families since it began in 1983. Qualified households are able to receive help with heating bills regardless of the energy source – natural gas, propane, electricity, oil, wood, coal or any other energy source.

Many of our most vulnerable neighbors—the elderly, disabled, and veterans—already relied on HEAT. This year, many of them will find their fixed incomes and savings will simply not allow them to make ends meet. This is why Madison has made it easy for you to help your fellow Georgians by allowing you to make a tax-deductible contribution to HEAT directly on your utility bill.

Your contribution will help provide one-time assistance for Georgia families to keep their heat on or restore service during a difficult time.

Here's How You Can Help

1. Make a donation through your City of Madison utility bill. Call (706)7527964 to sign up, or
2. Donate online at heatga.org, or
3. Make your donation (check or money order) payable to HEAT and mail it to:
(note that you are a City of Madison customer)
HEAT
P.O. Box 849
Smyrna, GA 30081

How Are HEAT Funds Distributed?

The Georgia Division of Family and Children Services distributes HEAT funds through local community action agencies. Qualified households apply for assistance at the agency that serves their county. Applicants must meet special guidelines established for HEAT that include income eligibility. Once an application is approved, a one-time assistance payment is awarded to prevent disconnection or restore service.

For more information or to see stories of some of the people we've helped, visit our website at www.heatga.org. You can also contact HEAT at 678-406-0212 or info@heatga.org.

Need Help With Your Heating Bill?

HEAT is proud to work locally with Overview Inc. to help potential recipients with the application process. Contact them by phone at 478-453-4111 or visit their website at <http://overviewinc.com/> for more information on how to apply.