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PGW PRESENTS \$61,000 GRANT CHECK TO PROJECT HOME

PGW EnergySense grant supports completion of 55 energy-efficient apartments at JBJ Soul Homes

(Philadelphia, Pa. – July 2, 2014) – Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) presented a \$61,260 EnergySense Efficient Construction grant check to Project HOME in June for energy efficient upgrades at its JBJ Soul Homes building. JBJ Soul Homes is a 55-unit supportive, permanent residence for the homeless. The new apartments include energy-efficient natural gas furnaces and hot water heaters, as well as low-flow faucet aerators and shower heads that help to provide residents a basic need – and comfort – that may have been otherwise unobtainable.

PGW presented the EnergySense check to Project HOME during that organization's 'Taste of HOME' street fair. The event was in appreciation of the efforts of current and former residents, staff and volunteers in the 25 years since Project HOME launched. Over 700 people attended Taste of HOME, including a delegation from PGW.

"As we celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we are grateful for the people and organizations that helped us focus on our mission of ending and preventing homelessness in Philadelphia," said Amy Burns, vice president of development and public relations at Project HOME. "The support of PGW's EnergySense program gave us access to additional funding, making it possible for us to invest in better equipment for our residents, while also saving on future energy bills."

"PGW is committed to supporting energy efficiency across Philadelphia," said Denise Adamucci, vice president of regulatory compliance and customer programs at PGW. "For this project, we were able to combine pursuit of that goal with support of the urgent and meaningful work of Project HOME. It means they will spend less on overhead, and can spend more on fulfilling their mission."

Project HOME is a Philadelphia-based organization that works to help children and adults who are struggling with homelessness. Its mission is to stop chronic homelessness by eliminating the root causes of poverty. Project HOME currently has 13 locations across the city, including permanent residences, recovery facilities and safe havens for individuals and families in need.

PGW's EnergySense program offers rebates and financial incentives to help Philadelphia's businesses, homeowners and renters save money while creating more efficient buildings. Incentives up to \$75,000 are available to commercial, industrial and multi-family building owners, and up to \$3,500 to homeowners for making energy efficiency improvements. More information is available at www.pgwenergysense.com.

Founded in 1836, Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) is owned by the City of Philadelphia and is the largest municipally owned gas utility in the country. It manages a distribution system of approximately 6,000 miles of gas mains and service pipes supplying approximately 500,000 customers. PGW's operations are managed by a non-profit corporation, the Philadelphia Facilities Management Corporation (PFMC). More information about the company is available at www.pgworks.com.

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