

## Introduction

Virginians rely on Dominion Energy to provide reliable, affordable, and increasingly clean energy to power their homes and their lives. EnergyShare helps customers struggling to pay energy bills by offering bill payment assistance and longer-term savings through free energy efficiency upgrades. EnergyShare is our yearround assistance program that has been helping qualified customers since 1982.

## **History**

For more than 40 years, the EnergyShare program has assisted qualified customers in meeting their energy needs, providing financial assistance on their energy bills and later providing free efficiency upgrades to their homes. More than 908,000 individuals and families have been assisted through the program throughout its 40-year history. The EnergyShare program has expanded over the years and is now a comprehensive energy assistance program.



908,000 total individuals and families helped





cooling assistance during the summer season

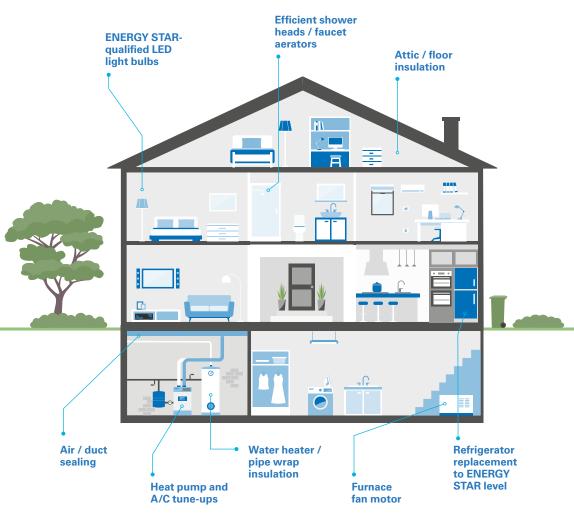
(GTSA), including a \$130 million, 10-year commitment and additional resources for military veterans and persons living with disabilities



## Weatherization

Weatherization supports customers by providing no cost energy efficiency assessments and upgrades to qualified residents. Dominion Energy customers who have previously received bill payment assistance are automatically eligible. During the 2022 – 2023 program year, our network of weatherization service providers made more than 1,400 homes more energy efficient for families resulting in cost-savings on their monthly bills and more safe and comfortable home environments. This includes more than 300 single-family, and 1,100 multi-family homes in Virginia.

Weatherization upgrades may include energy efficiency measures shown below\*:



<sup>\*</sup>Upgrades installed are determined based on observations made during the home's energy assessment.

## 40 Homes in 40 Days

To mark the 40th anniversary of EnergyShare, Dominion Energy launched the 40 Homes in 40 Days initiative during 2022. The initiative committed to weatherizing 40 single-family homes across Virginia in a 40-day window. Thanks to the help of our community partners and Dominion Energy volunteers, the goal was exceeded, making **56 family homes** more safe, comfortable, and energy efficient just in time for the heating season.

### Here are just a few of the lives impacted across Virginia:

EnergyShare, the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) and the Building Good Foundation partnered to provide the Abrams family much needed weatherization and structural repairs to their home of 30 years, where they relied on inefficient baseboard heaters and window air conditioning units. Through this partnership the Abrams were provided with an efficient heat pump, attic and floor insulation, air sealing, among other repairs. The Dominion Energy volunteer program also pitched in to help with much needed tree trimming and landscaping.

The Abrams-Washington Family Crozet, VA

For 22 years, Ms. Stephens has lived in her home, but had become unable to keep up with its maintenance due to an injury. Through a partnership with **project:HOMES**, EnergyShare helped increase her home's efficiency with a new heat pump, air sealing, LED lighting, duct and ventilation improvements, attic and pipe insulation, and more. Dominion Energy volunteers helped by providing painting, landscaping, and other minor repairs.

The Stephens Family Richmond, VA



## **Education and Outreach**

Education and outreach are at the core of what EnergyShare aims to accomplish through its work in the community. This year approximately **107,500 individuals** and families were reached through various modes of outreach designed to ensure



those most in need of help are aware of resources available to them to help save money on energy bills.

Dominion Energy representatives participate in hundreds of community events each year to help educate customers on the energy savings resources available to them. These resources include energy bill payment assistance options, home energy efficiency and conservation programs. This year, Dominion Energy representatives attended more than 300 events.

Our outreach takes on different forms based on our local partnerships and the needs

of the community. Dominion Energy representatives partnered with Fairfax County for their **Culmore Community Day** event which educated the community on supportive services available to them through area agencies and non-profit organizations.

In Henrico County, Dominion Energy representatives collaborated with the local community to host the **East Henrico Community Block Party**. In addition to receiving free resources and information from community partners, attendees received information on EnergyShare and the state cooling assistance program, along with energy conservation kits and energy saving tips.

Other outreach opportunities sought to reach the Spanish-speaking community including the Latino Community Resource Fair and Food Distribution event at the Cuffee Community Center in Chesapeake. Attendees received bill payment assistance information and weatherization materials in Spanish.



## Partnership Spotlight

Sometimes unconventional partnerships can have a large impact on increasing community awareness of the resources that the EnergyShare program has to offer. Two Hampton Roads families received a surprise when their homes received weatherization services through the EnergyShare program. Dominion Energy collaborated with **Pharrell Williams** (a popular musician, producer, and entrepreneur) and the **SOMETHING IN THE WATER** festival to make the homes of the Byers family of Norfolk and the Hill family of Virginia Beach more energy efficient in preparation for the summer months. Both families had previously received bill payment assistance and had higher than normal energy use due to lack of energy efficiency measures in their homes. The partnership garnered significant public interest and resulted in increased awareness of the EnergyShare program across the region.



## **Bill Payment Assistance**

Bill payment assistance provides immediate relief to customers experiencing a financial crisis by assisting with expenses related to their home's primary heating and cooling sources. EnergyShare partners worked diligently during the 2022-2023 program year to help more than **18,400 customers** with the cost to heat and cool their homes. Among those assisted, **1,500 were military veterans**, and **1,300 were individuals living with disabilities**. Partnerships with local non-profits and health and human service agencies ensure that the EnergyShare program is reaching those most vulnerable.

## Since EnergyShare's 2015 expansion:



136,600

helped with bill payment assistance



10,000

veterans assisted



9,600

individuals with disabilities assisted

# Long-Standing Public-Private Partnerships

2022 marked the 32nd year for **Senior Cool Care**, a public-private partnership sponsored by Dominion Energy and administered by The **Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS)** that helps low-income elderly citizens in Virginia keep cool during the summer months. The program provides single-room fans, window air conditioners, and now portable air conditioners to elderly Virginians who live within Dominion Energy's service area and who meet eligibility requirements. Customers meeting EnergyShare qualifying criteria are also eligible to receive bill payment assistance to help offset costs.

In total, the Area Agencies on Aging were able to purchase and distribute more than 1,140 cooling units to households across the Commonwealth.

## Thank You to Our Partners

We could not do this alone! Nearly 100 state agencies, non-profit organizations, certified contractors, and other entities contribute to the success of EnergyShare through the administration of all program aspects. Special thanks to United Way of Greater Richmond and Petersburg and Resource Innovations, Inc., our fiscal managing agencies, who ensure EnergyShare's program funds are disbursed to address the most need with quality service.

#### **Weatherization Partner Agencies**

Advanced Energy Solutions **Atlantic Spray Systems Bay Aging Community Housing Partners Don Mowry Construction** Local Energy Alliance Program Pittsylvania County Community Action project:HOMES

#### General EnergyShare Bill Assistance **Partner Agencies**

**ACTS** 

Alexandria Department of Community and **Human Services** 

Alexandria Salvation Army

**Total Action for Progress** 

Arlington Department of Human Services **Brunswick Department of Social Services** Capital Area Partnership Uplifting People (CAPUP)

Caroline Department of Social Services Charles City Department of Social Services

Charlottesville Salvation Army

Chesterfield Department of Social Services Cornerstones

Covington Salvation Army

**Culpeper Department of Social Services** Dinwiddie Department of Social Services

**Essex Department of Social Services** Fairfax Salvation Army

Fauguier Department of Social Services

Fredericksburg Department of Social Services

Fredericksburg Salvation Army Fluvanna Rural Outreach

Gloucester Salvation Army

**Goochland Department of Social Services** 

Greensville/Emporia Department of Social

Services

Hanover Department of Social Services Harrisonburg Salvation Army

Hopewell Salvation Army

Improvement Association

King George Department of Social Services King & Queen Department of Social Services King William Department of Social Services Lancaster Department of Social Services

Leesburg Salvation Army **Lorton Community Action** 

Mathews Department of Social Services Middlesex Department of Social Services Monticello Area Community Action Program New Kent Department of Social Services Norfolk Salvation Army

Northern Virginia Family Service-Serve Inc. Northumberland Department of Social Services Orange Department of Social Services

Peninsula Salvation Army Petersburg Salvation Army

Pittsylvania Department of Social Services

Portsmouth Salvation Army

Powhatan Department of Social Services Prince George Department of Social Services Richmond County Department of Social

Services

Richmond Salvation Army

Rockbridge Area Relief Association

**Senior Connections** 

Stafford Emergency Relief through Volunteer

Shenandoah Department of Social Services Spotsylvania Department of Social Services Stafford Department of Social Services

Staunton Salvation Army

STEPS, Inc.

Suffolk Salvation Army

Sussex Department of Social Services

**Tri-County Community Action United Community Ministries** United Way of Central Virginia

United Way of Greater Richmond & Petersburg Waynesboro Salvation Army

Westmoreland Department of Social Services

Williamsburg Salvation Army

#### **Veteran Services Agencies**

Friendship Place

Hampton Roads Community Action Program Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation

Virginia Department of Veterans Affairs Virginia Supportive Housing Volunteers of America Chesapeake

#### **Centers for Independent Living**

Access Independence, Inc.
Blue Ridge Independent Living Center

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services disAbility Resource Center

Disability Rights & Resource Center Endependence Center, Inc.

**ENDependence Center of Northern Virginia** 

Independence Empowerment Center

Independence Resource Center
Lynchburg Center for Independent Living

Peninsula Center for Independent Living/Insight Enterprises, Inc.

Resources for Independent Living, Inc.
Valley Associates for Independent Living

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#### Annual Report 2022-2023

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