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## **Just Energy Provides Relief from Summer Heat to Those in Need Donation will assist in last few weeks of hot weather for needy Harris County families**

**September 1, 2009, Houston, Texas** – Just Energy, a leading independent energy supplier, today announced a donation of \$15,000 to Sheltering Arms Senior Services, a local non-profit organization, to help residents of Harris County, Texas, that are in need of utility bill assistance.

The donation will assist senior citizens, families with children under the age of six and the disabled. Altogether, approximately 60 Harris County families in need are expected to benefit through this financial support.

“For many in South Texas, the summer heat is offset by air conditioning with the flip of a switch. But, for some, that’s not always an option,” said Ken Hartwick, President and CEO, Just Energy. “Mounting utility bills stemming from the poor economy make the south Texas heat not only uncomfortable, but also a health risk for some. Just Energy is proud to support Sheltering Arms Senior Services to help bring peace of mind to families in Harris County.”

In addition, beyond making utility payments, the organization will use the donation to help some residents weatherize their homes and obtain working air conditioners to combat the heat.

“Generous donations from organizations like Just Energy help us fulfill our mission,” said Lynne Cook, vice president of housing and energy management at Sheltering Arms Senior Services. “These funds allow us to serve those clients who either barely exceed the income requirements for federal assistance, or need specific assistance that federal funds do not cover. This gap is where organizations like Just Energy make a difference.”

Sheltering Arms Senior Services, a nonprofit organization based in Houston, Texas, helps low income seniors remain living in their own homes by providing energy efficiency measures, such as home weatherization, education and assistance with utility bills.

### **About Just Energy:**

*Just Energy is one of North America’s leading independent energy retailers and an affiliate of Just Energy Income Fund, a publicly traded trust listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: JE.UN). Just Energy provides over 1.5 million residential, small to mid-sized commercial and small industrial customers with the peace of mind that comes from knowing that they are protected from energy price volatility. For more information, call 1.866.478.5384 or visit [www.justenergy.com](http://www.justenergy.com).*

**About Sheltering Arms Senior Services:**

*Sheltering Arms Senior Services is a nonprofit organization that promotes the dignity and independence of older adults through service, advocacy, and support for caregivers. More than 68,000 people are helped each year in the Houston area through its home health care, adult day care, geriatric care management and consultation, telephone reassurance, case management and housing and energy management programs. Sheltering Arms Senior Services serves as the lead organization for Care for Elders, a partnership of more than 80 organizations whose mission is to improve the care and services provided to vulnerable older adults and family caregivers in Harris County. For more information, call 1.713.685.6577 or visit [www.shelteringarms.org](http://www.shelteringarms.org).*

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