
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**LIBERTY UTILITIES – EMPIRE DISTRICT KICKS OFF ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ELVES PROGRAM**

JOPLIN, MO – November 19, 2018 – Since 1987, employees and customers of Liberty Utilities - Empire District have provided holiday cheer to their elderly neighbors through the Christmas Elves program. Over the years, thousands of gifts have been distributed to elderly customers who spend their holidays alone. Liberty – Empire works with local, non-profit organizations to identify area residents for the program and to help distribute gifts. This year, nearly 200 elderly friends and neighbors will rely upon a generous Christmas Elf to deliver a little holiday cheer into their lives.

To become a Christmas Elf, simply visit the Liberty – Empire office at 602 S. Joplin Ave. Joplin, Mo., beginning Monday, November 19. Select the name and wish list of an elderly neighbor, fill all or part of their list, and return the wrapped gifts to the Joplin office by Monday, December 10. The gifts will be delivered to the recipients before Christmas.

Wish lists are often quite simple and include items such as gloves, socks and slippers, blankets, stationery and stamps, pet food and supplies, and non-perishable food items. Elves are asked to limit the size and weight of boxes – large or heavy boxes can be difficult for both volunteers and recipients to handle.

Those who may not have time to do the shopping but wish to contribute can choose instead to make a monetary donation to Project Help. This program provides assistance to meet emergency energy-related expenses. Project Help donations can be made at the Joplin office.

About Liberty Utilities

Liberty Utilities Co. owns and operates regulated water, wastewater, natural gas and electric transmission and distribution utilities in 12 states, delivering responsive and reliable essential services to over 750,000 customers across the United States. With a local approach to management, service and support, we deliver efficient, dependable services to meet the needs of our customers. Liberty Utilities provides a superior customer experience through walk-in customer centers, locally focused conservation and energy efficiency initiatives, and programs for businesses and residential customers. We measure our performance in terms of service reliability, an enjoyable customer experience, and an unwavering dedication to public and workplace safety. Liberty Utilities currently operates in Arizona, Arkansas,

California, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and Texas. For more information, please visit www.LibertyUtilities.com.

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