



# ENERGY SPOTLIGHT®

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As you share your Valentine's chocolates and good cheer with family and friends this month, we hope you'll consider helping someone in need through a donation to our Sharing Program.

## Show you care through Sharing

The Sharing Program is administered by The Salvation Army and provides one-time grants of up to \$450 for those who don't qualify for federal energy assistance. The grants help these customers pay their heating bills and **stay warm all winter long.**

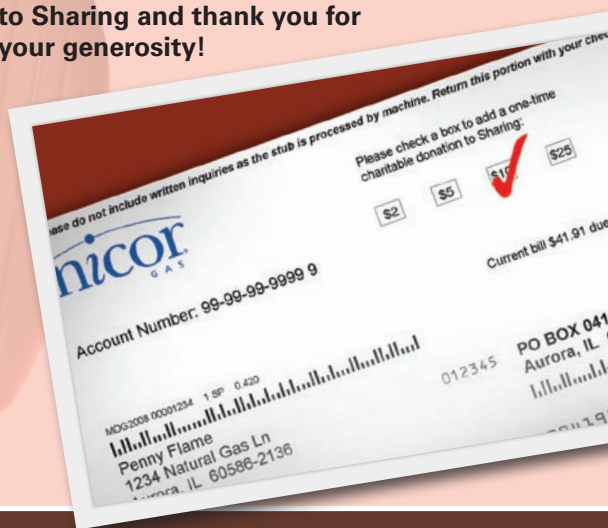
The response to our previous requests for contributions has been a generous one, but **the Sharing Program is well short** of being able to fulfill all requests for assistance.

**Giving is easy.** One-time donations can be made by simply checking the appropriate box on your monthly gas bill payment stub and adding the amount to what is owed. If you pay your natural gas bill electronically, call 1 888 Nicor4u (1 888 642-6748) to pledge a Sharing Program contribution that will be automatically added to your bill each month. Nicor Gas matches contributions dollar-for-dollar, up to \$175,000 annually.

You can also send a check made out to:

**Sharing c/o The Salvation Army**  
P.O. Box 30049, Chicago, IL 60630-0049.

**Please consider making a donation to Sharing and thank you for your generosity!**



Since 1983, the Sharing Program has raised nearly \$13 million and helped over 76,000 people in northern Illinois.

## 2008 Shop & Share a huge success!

During nine days in November of last year, our customers and employees raised more than \$8,600 for the Sharing Program – **an increase of 36% from the previous year.** On designated Shop & Share days, Jewel-Osco stores generously gave back five percent of the participants' grocery bill to Sharing – a program that helps customers not qualifying for government assistance pay their gas bills.

*Thanks to Jewel-Osco for once again participating and Clear Channel Radio for their media support, as well the many shoppers who have made it possible for families to stay warm this winter!*

**Jewel-Osco**



# Contacting JULIE is easier than ever with E-Request

If you're planning a spring landscaping project, Illinois law requires that you contact JULIE, Inc., at least 48 hours prior to digging, so that your underground facilities can be located and marked at no cost. Established in 1974, JULIE, Inc., also known as the Illinois One-Call System, is a not-for-profit corporation that provides homeowners and professional excavators with one place to contact to assure safe digging takes place during any project requiring excavation. JULIE is the conduit to each utility and alerts them that their facilities need to be marked. You can contact JULIE by dialing 811 or 1 800 892-0123. JULIE call center agents are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Additionally, you can now place a JULIE locate request via their online E-Request option at [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com). Users must have a valid

e-mail address to receive confirmation information from JULIE. E-Request is designed for single address excavation only and is not intended for intersections or lot numbers. Submitted requests will be processed by JULIE before the start of the next business day. The legal start date and time will then be 48 hours, or two working days, from the time that JULIE processes your locate request.

**Know what's below . . .** avoid costly damage and possible fines by calling JULIE before starting any landscaping project.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

## Nicor Gas - Building better communities through safety training

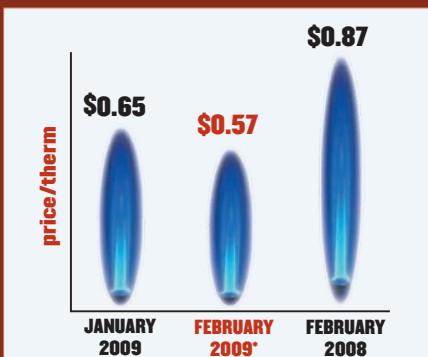
Nicor Gas is committed to providing safe and reliable natural gas service. As part of this commitment, last fall, Nicor Gas employee volunteers spent a part of their weekend at 56 fire department open houses across our service area. Volunteers spoke to community members about natural gas safety in the home, with an emphasis on what to do if you smell gas and how to identify and replace hazardous, outdated appliance connectors.

The 56 open houses were attended by an estimated 27,000 visitors. Kids in attendance who participated in a natural gas safety quiz were entered in a drawing for a Lego® fire department play set.

Participating in fire department open houses is just one of the ways Nicor Gas is building better communities. For more information on our commitment to giving back to the communities we serve, visit [nicor.com](http://nicor.com) and click on the "Nicor in the Community" link.



## February Natural Gas Cost



Every month, Nicor Gas files a gas supply charge with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC). It is the price customers pay for gas purchased from Nicor Gas during that month. The price we pay for gas is passed on to our customers without markup.

Visit [nicorgas.com/gascost](http://nicorgas.com/gascost) and click the "Plan your energy budget" link to get an idea of what your next month's bill might be.

\*At press time, this was the price Nicor Gas filed with the ICC. Under ICC rules, the price may be changed up until the first of the month in which it is effective.



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