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**SALVATION ARMY OF LAKE COUNTY TO PROVIDE WINTER WARMTH  
AND GIFT OF WARMTH FUNDS TO ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS**

**MERRILLVILLE, Ind.** – Northern Indiana Public Service Company (NIPSCO) today announced that the company has added the Salvation Army of Lake County as a Gift of Warmth and Winter Warmth agency.

“NIPSCO is honored to add the Salvation Army of Lake County as the newest agency providing Gift of Warmth and Winter Warmth funds,” said NIPSCO President Mark Maassel. “We share their commitment to helping customers stay warm and be safe in their homes during the winter heating season.”

The Gift of Warmth fund was launched in 1982 to help families in crisis pay their winter heating bills through contributions from customers, communities, social service agencies and businesses across northern Indiana. NIPSCO typically matches the contributions dollar for dollar.

“We welcome any additional opportunities to serve the residents of our community,” said Major John McCarty, Lake County Coordinator. “Distributing Gift of Warmth and Winter Warmth program funding will enable us to do our part to help keep more people warm this winter.

NIPSCO’s Winter Warmth program recently received a five-month extension by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC). Since December 2004, Winter Warmth has distributed more than \$10 million to 24,000 customers seeking bill and deposit assistance.

Salvation Army of Lake County Winter Warmth and Gift of Warmth locations:

**East Chicago**

513 West Chicago Ave.  
East Chicago, IN 46312  
219-398-2929

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**NEW HEATING BILL ASSISTANCE AGENCY ANNOUNCED  
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**Gary**

4800 Harrison St.  
Gary, IN 46408  
219-887-6588

**Munster**

8225 Columbia  
Munster, IN 46321  
219-838-1328

***Editor's Note:***

A full listing of Winter Warmth and Gift of Warmth agencies can be found at [www.nipsco.com](http://www.nipsco.com).

NIPSCO, with headquarters in Merrillville, Ind., is one of the 10 energy distribution companies of NiSource Inc. (NYSE: NI). With over 712,000 natural gas customers and 445,000 electric customers across the northern third of Indiana, NIPSCO is the largest natural gas distribution company, and the second largest electric distribution company, in the state. NiSource distribution companies serve 3.7 million natural gas and electric customers primarily in nine states. More information about NIPSCO is available at [www.nipsco.com](http://www.nipsco.com).

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