

## **Sharp Propane Commemorates 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary with Sharp Service Month**

***The employees of Sharp Propane embrace the company's dedication to service by volunteering at outstanding organizations across the state annually to celebrate the organization's anniversary.***

BASTROP, TEXAS – In an annual celebration, Sharp Propane employees volunteer their time with Texas non-profits during the month of August to commemorate the company's anniversary as part of the an ongoing commitment to community service. 2011 marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary for Sharp Propane.

"Our company values giving back, and we are happy to volunteer with the communities that we so proudly serve," said Steve McKay, Sharp Propane CEO. "We are passionate about taking time to volunteer with an organization or cause that is meaningful to us, and Sharp Service Month is a wonderful way for us to do this as a company team."

During this year's Service Month, employees focused on supporting local food banks and Meals on Wheels organizations in their communities by sorting donations, serving clients and assisting at special events. The Austin and Fort Worth teams volunteered at the [Capital Area Food Bank of Texas](#) and [Tarrant Area Food Bank](#) respectively. The corporate office in Bastrop spent time at the [Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center](#). Bryan employees volunteered with [Brazos Valley Food Bank](#) at a special event, Feast of Caring, where they joined local Bryan celebrities in serving food to their neighbors. La Grange employees volunteered with [Meals on Wheels](#) of Smithville, providing meals directly to seniors whose mobility is impaired.

"We are delighted to continue our support for local Food Banks and are excited to connect with new organizations for our service month this year," said McKay. "The tremendous value that these organizations bring to our communities is immeasurable, and I know many of our team members look forward to staying involved throughout the year."

In addition to Sharp Service Month, the company maintains a year-round community service program, which offers employees up to 20 hours of service leave annually. Sharp is committed to strengthening communities and upholds a charitable engagement fund that provides financial assistance to organizations where employees are involved in their communities.

"I have a great sense of pride working for a company like Sharp Propane that gives us an opportunity to give back to the community," said Renee Wade, Customer Care Representative in the Bryan Operations Center.

### **About Sharp Propane**

Sharp Propane is a leading service provider of residential and commercial propane systems providing customers a green, safe and reliable energy source for the way they live and work. The Propane Professionals™ at Sharp are dedicated to being a customer-first company that is setting the standards for safety and service in the industry.

Sharp is the innovator of industry-revolutionizing programs such as the Complete Care™ customer service program, which includes the Always There™ Guarantee. These programs are direct results of Sharp's commitment to fuse their expansive industry expertise with their customer relationships in order to always deliver safety, comfort, care and convenience.

Sharp has been providing propane energy solutions to Texans for more than 60 years. Founded in 1949 in Smithville, Texas, Sharp is one of the largest propane dealers in the United States and the largest independent retailer in Texas. Sharp is headquartered in Bastrop, Texas with operations also in Austin, Bryan, Fort Worth and La Grange.

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