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**DOMINION \$1 MILLION DONATION TO FREE HEALTH CLINICS
INCLUDES \$60,000 TO THREE ALLEGHENY COUNTY AGENCIES**

- *Free health clinics facing crisis of increasing demand, reduced funding*
- *Dominion employees have direct hand in helping make donation possible*
- *Clinic grant follows more than \$1 million given to food banks in December*

PITTSBURGH – Dominion Resources announced today it is donating \$1 million to free health clinics, including a total of \$60,000 to three Allegheny County health care agencies.

The Allegheny County health care agencies, Northside Christian Health Center, Operation Safety Net and Pittsburgh Catholic Charities, each received \$20,000 at the Northside Christian Health Center today.

“The current economic times have produced hardships not seen in several generations,” said Thomas F. Farrell II, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Dominion. “We want to do our part to make sure medical services are available to those who are uninsured or can’t afford to see a doctor.

“This is a serious and growing problem in many of the communities we serve and elsewhere,” Farrell continued, “and we challenge all financially able companies to do what they can to make sure health care is available to those in need.”

“Northside Christian Health Center is deeply grateful to Dominion for recognizing the value our program – as well as the services provided by the Pittsburgh Catholic Charities and Operation Safety Net – to the underinsured and uninsured residents in Pittsburgh and surrounding communities,” said Floyd Cephas, executive director of the Northside Christian Health Center. “Our program connects participants to a medical home. Dominion’s donation will help support the generosity of our community providers.”

“Northside Christian Health Center, Operation Safety Net, and Pittsburgh Catholic Charities have been providing important health care services to many of our most vulnerable community members at low or no cost for quite some time,” Congressman Mike Doyle said. “The help they provide is even more important in tough economic times like these. Unfortunately, private

charitable donations tend to dry up in tough times – just when they’re needed most. Consequently, I’m pleased that Dominion has recognized the essential work these health clinics do by providing them with financial support that will allow them to help more of our friends and neighbors.”

Recognizing the growing economic hardships faced by many because of the deep recession, Dominion has refocused its corporate giving on basic human necessities such as food, shelter and health care.

Five months ago, Dominion gave more than \$1 million to food banks in 14 states, providing for more than 20 million pounds of food and grocery products. Earlier, the company provided \$6 million to EnergyShare, a program it created to help people in need pay heating and cooling bills.

“Dominion’s 18,000 employees have a direct hand in making possible this donation to free clinics,” Farrell said. “Part of the funding is coming from foregoing our biennial Dominion Day employee recreational activities. Our employees know this, and they have been very supportive of redirecting the funds to help neighbors in need.”

Dominion is making the grant through the Dominion Foundation, the company’s philanthropic arm. Financial support for Dominion Foundation grants comes from company shareholders, not customers.

Farrell cited the extraordinary service performed every day by doctors and nurses at health clinics in Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio, West Virginia and other states where Dominion operates. Services at the clinics generally are provided free or at very low cost.

The \$1 million in grants will be provided to free clinics. In general, the funds are being distributed in proportion to the number of employees Dominion has in each of the states. The grants will be used for immediate medical care for the uninsured and underinsured. They may be used to fund doctor exams, prescription medications, laboratory work and diagnostic tests, such as X-rays.

“Since the 1960s, free clinics have been serving America’s working poor, and over the last year our patient base has grown to include white and blue collar workers who have lost their jobs and health insurance,” said Nicole Lamoureux, executive director of the National Association of Free Clinics. “The Association would like to express its gratitude to Dominion for this generous donation which will allow free clinics continue to provide quality compassionate health care to those in America who need it the most.”

In 2008, Dominion, its charitable foundation and employees invested more than \$20 million and 100,000 volunteer hours in programs that help improve the quality of life for people in the states where Dominion operates power stations, natural gas and other energy facilities.

Dominion is one of the nation's largest producers of energy, with a portfolio of approximately 27,400 megawatts of generation. Dominion serves retail energy customers in 12 states. For more information about Dominion, visit the company's Web site at <http://www.dom.com>.

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