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NEW MEXICO UNITED PARTNERS WITH NEW MEXICO GAS COMPANY FOR FINAL TICKET DONATION EVENT OF THE SEASON

New Mexico Gas Company Donates Tickets To Hundreds Of Deserving Community Members

ALBUQUERQUE, NM (October 16, 2019) - New Mexico United's first season has taken the New Mexico community by storm, with their mission of uniting the entire state. An important aspect of this mission is to make matches accessible to everyone, regardless of any barriers. An entire section known as 'Community Corner' is set aside at every United match, wherein all seats are given for free to local non-profits and public servants, including first responders, veterans, children and other similar causes.

[INSERT QUOTE FROM PETER TREVISANI]

Community Corner is made possible through partnerships, and the NM Gas Company stepped up earlier this year to sponsor 5 games throughout the season, resulting in a total number of 950 tickets being given to primarily youth-focused non-profit organizations. The final 255 of which will be distributed on Friday, October 18 for the final game of the New Mexico United regular season on October 19 vs. Las Vegas Lights.

"The idea behind this partnership with New Mexico United was to offer a great sporting experience to youth and adults throughout Albuquerque. This fits well in our effort to engage with our community," said Tom Domme, Vice President of External Affairs and General Counsel. "We are delighted to be a part of the United movement, by sponsoring and donating more than 900 tickets to nonprofits and the people they serve. Somos Unidos." Members of the media are invited to a ticket giveaway on Friday, October 18th, at 3:30 pm at Mesa Verde Community Center, 7900 Marquette Avenue NE, Albuquerque New Mexico 87108. Representatives from New Mexico Gas Company will be in attendance, as well as players and staff from New Mexico United, to hand-deliver tickets to the children at the center.

The following non-profits have received tickets throughout the year, due to NM Gas Company's incredible generosity:

- Children's Grief Center of New Mexico
- New Mexico Kids Matter
- Voices for Children
- <u>NMCAN</u>
- UNMH Pediatric Oncology Department
- Alta Mira
- Abrazos Family Services
- Adelante Development Center
- New Mexico Immigrant Law Center
- Herman Sanchez Comunity Center
- Girl Scouts of New Mexico
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of New Mexico
- PB&J Family Services
- Notah Begay II Foundation
- Lucille-Horn YMCA
- Mesa Verde Community Center
- Cesar Chavez Community Center
- Ronald McDonald House Charities of New Mexico

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About New Mexico United

New Mexico United, the state's first professional soccer franchise, brings the most popular sport in the world home to the Land of Enchantment. Fueled by a passion for community, New Mexico United's promise is to provide a platform that brings New Mexicans together for a unique sporting experience, celebrating the unity and excitement inherent in world-class soccer. The New Mexico United inaugural season kicks off on March 9, 2019, at Isotopes Park.

About New Mexico Gas Co.

New Mexico Gas Company is a member of the Emera family of energy companies. With headquarters in Albuquerque, we are the largest natural gas utility in New Mexico. Strategically situated between two large natural gas production basins, we operate in 26 of the 33 counties in New Mexico, maintaining 12,000 miles of pipeline and serving 524,000 customers. To provide the best customer service and support, we have a state-of-the-art Call Center in Albuquerque and 22 walk-in offices in communities across New Mexico. New Mexico Gas Company traces its roots to the Albuquerque Gas and Electric Company, founded in 1917, but the natural gas business as we know it today in New Mexico began when Southern Union purchased franchises in Farmington, Santa Fe and Albuquerque in 1930.