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ATMOS ENERGY DONATES \$175,000 TO CIS OF TEXAS TO HELP STUDENTS STAY IN SCHOOL AND ACHIEVE IN LIFE

The donation includes gifts to ten local CIS Affiliates in Texas impacting the lives of our most vulnerable public school students.

[Austin, Texas] (March 13, 2025) – Communities In Schools of Texas, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering students to stay in school and achieve in life, announced Atmos Energy donated \$175,000 to support their work across Texas that connects students to caring adults and community resources to alleviate academic, behavioral, and economic challenges closing the achievement gap and reducing chronic absenteeism. Atmos Energy is committed to investing in education, childhood literacy, energy assistance, and food insecurity and has distributed financial resources throughout their service area to assist community organizations in this way. This partnership extends the work of CIS and our local affiliates, enabling them to provide services on the school campus, eliminating barriers to accessing community resources and ensuring that all students have what they need to achieve academic success and realize their full potential.

“Supporting Communities in Schools across Texas greatly aligns with our commitment to fueling safe and thriving communities,” said Kelly Biegler, Atmos Energy Vice President of Public Affairs. “As part of this focus, Atmos Energy is committed to partnering with organizations that provide sustainable, local solutions that will increase student success and help communities thrive for generations to come.”

“There are many reasons that prevent students from regularly attending school ranging from transportation, mental or physical health, access to clean clothes, or food insecurity,” said Sharon Vigil, President of the Board for CIS of Texas stated. “CIS site coordinators are physically present inside schools and reach into the lives of these vulnerable students, identifying their struggles, meeting their needs, and ensuring they are staying on the path to learn and graduate with a plan to achieve in life. The support of Atmos Energy will enable us to provide these essentials and walk with students to succeed in school and life beyond.”

Across Texas, CIS served over 122,787 students in the 2023-2024 school year with one-on-one case managed services and impacted the lives of over one million students in the 1,447 campuses where they operate. “Partners like Atmos Energy make our work possible,” said Elizabeth Johnston, Director of Network Development for CIS of Texas. “We are grateful for their support and share in their commitment to raising the trajectory for all of our students.”

About Atmos Energy

Atmos Energy Corporation, a natural gas-only distributor, is an S&P 500 company headquartered in Dallas. We safely deliver reliable, affordable, efficient and abundant natural gas to more than 3 million distribution customers in over 1,400 communities across eight states located primarily in the South. As part of our vision to be the safest provider of natural gas services, we are modernizing our business and infrastructure while continuing to invest in safety, innovation, environmental sustainability and our communities. Atmos Energy manages proprietary pipeline and storage assets, including one of the largest intrastate natural gas pipeline systems in Texas. Find us online at <http://www.atmosenergy.com>, [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#).

About Communities In Schools of Texas

Communities In Schools of Texas is a nonprofit organization made up of 27 local Texas CIS affiliates that support students at-risk of dropping out by surrounding them with a local community of support to ensure they stay in school and achieve in life. CIS of Texas is part of a national organization that ensures every student, regardless of who they are, their ability, zip code or socioeconomic background, has what they need to realize their potential in school and beyond. Working directly inside 1447 schools across Texas, we connect students to caring adults and community resources that help them overcome the barriers that stand between them and a brighter future. Together, we serve over 122,000 students in Texas public schools and work to ensure they graduate high school with a plan to succeed. Find us online at <https://www.cisoftexas.org/>, [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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