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### **Jamestown BPU "Cents for St. Susan's" Campaign Raises Record \$17,260 for Soup Kitchen**

Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) employees and major donors gathered Thursday to announce a record amount raised by the community during the 2014 BPU Cents for St. Susan's campaign.

The BPU fund drive result this year totals \$17,260 to benefit St. Susan Center. The soup kitchen is located at 31 Water Street in the Gateway Center Building.

The amount of money contributed in 2014 brings the cumulative amount raised, in fifteen years of BPU campaigns, to \$142,707.

Personnel representing major campaign sponsors were on hand for the announcement, including: KeyBank, DFT Communications and Northwest Savings at the \$1,000 level; Alfie's Restaurant, Allied Alarm Services, Asplundh, Boyles Motor Sales, Century 21/Turner Brokers, E.E. Austin & Son, Falconer Printing and Design, Inc., Freed Maxick Accountants, The Legend Group with Lou Deppas, National Fuel, Slone-Melhuish Insurance, Valu Hearing Services, Weinberg Financial Group and Wright Wright and Hampton, Attorneys, all at the \$500 level. The Jamestown Post Journal and the Media One Stations provided generous media coverage. Farm Fresh Foods, KeyBank and BPU employee volunteers provided hot dog sales for the drive as well.

BPU General Manager David Leathers expressed appreciation to the major sponsors and all those in the community who contributed to the success of the fund drive.

"We had hoped to raise at least \$14,000 this year," stated Leathers, "and we are so happy to know that, with help from our major sponsors as well as from all the people who contributed through the mail, on their bills and in canisters throughout the community, we were able to surpass \$17,000, signifying a new record for this drive."

Becky Robbins, BPU communications coordinator who directs the utility drive, noted that, in addition to the tremendous contributions by major donors, the canister collections and media coverage were especially helpful in this year's fund drive.

"Thanks to all the people in the community who were able to assist us in this year's campaign," said Robbins. "St. Susan Center faces increased numbers of visitors each year. The BPU is proud to be involved in raising money to help people in our City who need a healthy meal."

St. Susan Center Executive Director Sue Colwell expressed gratitude to the BPU and to the Cents for St. Susan's donors for providing operational support to the Center.

"We are very grateful for the 2014 BPU Cents for St. Susan Center campaign, as well as every single sponsor and donor," said Colwell. "Because the community provides for St. Susan Center soup kitchen, we are able to provide for the community!"

The BPU has organized fifteen annual "Cents for St. Susan's" campaigns. Major sponsors comprise a large segment of the fund drive, but substantial amounts are raised through mail-in gifts from customers,

local businesses and spare change contributed in the nearly 100 canisters placed around the community each April - July. Change collected in canisters this year totaled nearly \$3,000.

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