



BYHALIA CONNECTION PIPELINE COMMITS MORE THAN \$95,000 TO DESOTO COUNTY ORGANIZATIONS

[DESOTO COUNTY, MS, September 11, 2020] – The Byhalia Connection Pipeline hosted a virtual appreciation event today to recognize charitable organizations for their community service. Byhalia Connection began supporting charities along the pipeline route earlier this year and has given \$97,000 to DeSoto County organizations – including a new \$12,000 donation to the DeSoto County Emergency Management Agency. The event offered a unique opportunity for local elected officials and Byhalia project team members to say thank you for their dedicated service to others.

The Byhalia Connection Pipeline -- the joint venture between a subsidiary of Valero and a subsidiary of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. -- founded a charitable grant program that is dedicated to helping local families in need, area first responders and environmental initiatives along the pipeline route.

“It’s humbling for our team to work alongside the local organizations who are serving the DeSoto community in such a selfless capacity. We are grateful for their tireless efforts to keep families safe and communities thriving,” said Katie Martin, Communications Manager, Plains All American.

On hand for the event to thank organizations for their partnership and leadership were DeSoto County Supervisors Mark Gardner and Ray Denison.

“This is a who’s who of organization’s that contribute so much to our community. Thank you Byhalia team for doing what the board of supervisors asked you to do, which was to be good community partners,” said Mark Gardner, the District 2 DeSoto County Supervisor, who added that the new donation would help fund rural fire rescue equipment and training support.

Members from DeSoto County grant recipients DeSoto County Emergency Management Agency, DeSoto County Soil and Water Conservation District, Healing Hearts Child Advocacy, Heartland Hands, Mid-South Food Bank, House of Grace, I-NSPIRE Foundation, Regional One Library - DeSoto County Library System and Trinity Health participated in the meeting and shared the impact of the Byhalia team’s charitable grants on their group’s mission.

The Byhalia Connection Pipeline is a proposed crude oil pipeline from the Valero Refinery in Shelby County, Tennessee to the Valero Collierville Terminal Facility in Marshall County, Mississippi. It will connect two major existing crude oil pipeline systems, linking the Diamond Pipeline, originating in Cushing, Oklahoma to the Capline System which extends from Central Illinois to the Gulf Coast. More information about the project can be found at www.ByhaliaConnection.com.

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