



BYHALIA CONNECTION PIPELINE RECOGNIZES ORGANIZATIONS DURING COVID WITH DONATIONS AND VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

Byhalia Connection Pipeline Donates \$125K to Response Efforts in Shelby County

[MEMPHIS, TN, August 25, 2020] – The Byhalia Connection Pipeline hosted a virtual appreciation event Friday to recognize charitable organizations for their community service during the pandemic. Byhalia Connection began supporting charities along the pipeline route earlier this year and has given \$125 thousand to organizations fighting COVID-19 in Shelby County. The event offered a unique opportunity for local elected officials and Byhalia project team members to say thank you to their partners for dedicated service to others.

The Byhalia Connection Pipeline -- the organization representing a subsidiary of Valero and a subsidiary of Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. -- founded the charitable grant program as part of the project's outreach to organizations dedicated to helping local families in need, area first responders and environmental initiatives along the pipeline route.

“Supporting our partners goes beyond monetary donations because we truly want to be a part of the community. That means finding the right ways to get involved and work alongside those local organizations who are serving Tennessee in such a selfless capacity,” said Katie Martin, the communications manager for Plains All American. “Our Byhalia team is committed to giving and to being a good neighbor for the long haul.”

On hand for the event to thank organizations for their partnership and leadership were Memphis City Council members Patrice Robinson, Martavius Jones and Cheyenne Johnson along with Shelby County Commissioner Eddie Jones.

In addition, members of the University of Memphis – Center for Applied Earth Science and Engineering Research, Uplift Westwood CDC, Works CDC, NAACP Memphis, Mid-South Food Bank, YMCA Whitehaven, Helping Hands Memphis and Memphis City Beautiful participated in the meeting and shared the impact of the Byhalia team's charitable grants on their group's mission.

“The funds provided by Byhalia Connection Pipeline will provide 75,000 meals to people in Shelby County who are struggling with food insecurity and hunger.,” said Cathy Pope, President and CEO of Mid-South Food Bank, which helps feed nearly 20,000 area families. “The beauty of our community is so many people have pulled together to make this work happen. And donors like you have helped make nutritious food available to our neighbors in need.”

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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