



BYHALIA CONNECTION PIPELINE DONATES \$1M TO MID-SOUTH CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS IN 2020

Donations help place Shelby County teachers of color, feed 3,600 families, provide 225,000 meals

[Mid-South Region] –The Byhalia Connection Pipeline today announced it has donated \$1 million in the Mid-South region in 2020.

Organizations across the Mid-South who received recent donations from Byhalia Connection include Feed The Needy, Helping Hands, Man-Up Teacher Fellowship, Memphis City Library Foundation, Mid-South Food Bank, Neshoba Community Resource Center - Ida B. Wells Statue, Regional One Health, SchoolSeed, Brown Baptist Church, Byhalia Arts Council, Coldwater River Nature Conservancy, Healing Hearts Child Advocacy Center, House of Grace, I-NSPIRE Foundation, Marshall County Public Library System, and Trinity Health.

“We want to thank the Byhalia Team for their contribution and for what they were able to help us accomplish this year,” said Ruth Rawlings-Banks, founder of Feed The Needy, adding that the Byhalia Team’s donation allowed her group to help feed 3,600 families in Memphis and Shelby County. “You’ve stuck to your word that you wanted to be good corporate citizens and aid the communities where you operate.”

Cathy Pope, President and CEO of Mid-South Food Bank, said that donations from Byhalia helped provide 225,000 meals to area families and thanked Byhalia Connection for their significant impact in working alongside her team to build a stronger community.

Dr. Patrick Washington, founder of the Man-Up Teacher Fellowship, an organization dedicated to increasing the number of male teachers of color in local classrooms, said that donations from Byhalia would also make a difference. “Because of your donation, our organization placed 54 additional teachers in classrooms throughout the City of Memphis and Shelby County and your support helps our teachers develop skills so they can have an impact in the classroom through high-quality instruction and student engagement.”

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 hosted a series of virtual appreciation events on Friday, Dec 18 to recognize local organizations for their outstanding service to the community.

“We’re humbled by the opportunity to support the charitable organizations here that are helping Mid-South families,” said Katie Martin, Communications Manager, Plains All American. “It’s important for our team to be good neighbors today, and to help build long-term ties in the communities where we operate. We’re grateful we had that chance in 2020 and look forward to continuing to make a difference in the future.”

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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