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**Allegheny Energy and employees contribute  
to the Underprivileged Children's Fund of Preston County**

**Hagerstown, Md., January 30, 2002** – Allegheny Energy has contributed \$2,500 to the Underprivileged Children's Fund in Preston County, W.Va. The corporate contribution is in addition to \$2,383 raised by Allegheny Energy employees at the Albright Power Station. All contributions will help provide clothing, dental care, and miscellaneous needs for Preston County area children.

Allegheny Energy and its employees frequently contribute to human services like the Underprivileged Children's Fund through its Corporate Giving Program. The Company's Corporate Giving Program contributed more than \$1.3 million last year to educational, human service, and cultural organizations.

Allegheny Energy employees at the Albright Power Station established the Underprivileged Children's Fund in 1956. Last year, employees and the Company donated \$4,883, which helped to meet the needs of 134 school-aged children. Employees also donated the proceeds of an aluminum can collection drive to the fund, which is managed by The Preston County Caring Council's Family Resource Network.

"Allegheny Energy and its generous employees at the Albright Power Station have made it possible to meet the needs of children within our county," said Barb Thorn, Director, Preston County Caring Council's Family Resource Network. "We appreciate their support tremendously."

"We are pleased to continue our long-standing commitment to supporting the Underprivileged Children's Fund and the children in our community who are in need," says Tom Shusko, Production Manager, Albright Power Station. "Allegheny Energy employees past and present contribute faithfully to the fund. We take seriously our role of being a good corporate citizen, and, through our support, we can help make life happier for needy children in our area."

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