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GPA Celebrates National Public Power Week 2025 with Outreach Events to Benefit Children and Families in Need

GPA invites the community to donate nonperishable food items and new children's shoes throughout October and support Guam Special Olympics athletes in November

(Fadian, Guam) – From October 5th through October 11th, 2025, the Guam Power Authority joins public utilities and community-owned electric utilities nationwide in kicking off Public Power Week. On Guam, Public Power Week also kicks off an annual community outreach event led by GPA's management and employees, which lasts through November.

GPA announced the launch of three Public Power Week events to better engage with its customers and community: a canned food drive to benefit Catholic Social Services Guam, a children's shoe drive to benefit children in need at Alee Children's Shelter and Harvest House, and volunteer support for the athletes of Special Olympics Guam's (SOGU) Softball Jamboree on November 22, 2025.

GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E., said, "For many years, GPA has celebrated Public Power Week alongside fellow public utilities nationwide to honor the hardworking men and women of the Guam's public power utility who keep us powered and safe. We applaud their work in providing the energy needed to provide quality of life for our island's residents."

GPA GM Benavente added, "In that spirit, because we are community powered, we are community focused during Public Power Week. We invite our island community to join us again this year in making the lives of our underserved children and families a little brighter before the holidays."

Canned Food Drive to Benefit Catholic Social Service Guam

GPA launched its annual canned food drive, inviting GPA employees and customers to work together to gather nonperishable food items to stock Catholic Social Service Guam's (CSS) pantry before the holidays. The canned food drive is ongoing through **October 28, 2025, and GPA's customers can participate by dropping off canned foods at collection boxes at any GPA Customer Service locations:**

- Gloria B. Nelson Public Service Building, Fadian Customer Service Lobby (Monday-Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- GPWA Upper Tumon Customer Service Lobby (Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)
- Hagåtña Satellite Office, Julale Shopping Center Customer Service Lobby (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

CSS has requested canned meats, canned fish, canned vegetables, boxed pasta, five-pound bags of rice, shelf-stable UHT milk, or any non-refrigerated, non-perishable food items. GPA thanks its customers for their donations, which will be delivered to CSS on October 30, 2025.

GPA's Shoe Drive to Benefit Children in Need, including Foster Children

GPA's shoe drive is a new event in 2025. **Through October 28, 2025, GPA is welcoming donations of new children's shoes in original packaging** at each of its customer service locations. GPA's Outreach Committee will present shoe donations to officials from the Alee Children's Shelter and Harvest House on October 30, 2025.

The Alee Children's Shelter is an emergency receiving home for children ages birth to 17 years old who are victims of abuse and/or neglect, and provides surrogate parenting with 24-hour care to children. Harvest House also acts as an Emergency Triage Center to children in crisis entering the foster care system.

Joyce N. Sayama, GPA Communications Manager shared, "Each year, it is important for us to support nonprofit organizations that further serve members of our community. This year, we recognized the need to help provide shoes for Guam's children in need, including those in foster care. It meets a basic need, can bring joy to the children, and help to keep them safe when they go to school or are out walking and playing."

She added, "All of our divisions have been assigned shoe sizes for donation purchases, and we aim to supply shoes for every foster child on the island. We all know that children feel proud when they own a new pair of shoes. We invite our community to participate in GPA's shoe drive to bring brighter days to our children in foster care."

GPA Sponsors Special Olympics Guam Softball Jamboree

For the third consecutive year, GPA will be partnering with Special Olympics Guam (SOGU) to manage its annual Softball Jamboree. GPA serves as a sponsor of the SOGU softball event and provides bottled water for the athletes. The annual Softball Jamboree has become a new tradition at GPA. “Each year, our employees commit to planning and managing practices with athletes to prepare them for the jamboree. GPA employees, Jamie Pinaula with our Customer Service team, and Jarred Alerta from our Safety team will serve as coaches, and our employees volunteer their time during practices and the event to support and cheer on the athletes, stated GM Benavente.”

Sayama added, “Each year, the practices begin around this time for the SOGU GPA team, and we are so proud to be supporting the athletes as they prepare for the playoffs and championship game. Supporting SOGU is one of the most exciting outreach events we look forward to each year. Our volunteers assist the coaches, run alongside the athletes, and offer words of encouragement to bring out the champion in each Special Olympics athlete.”

GPA invites the community to attend the SOGU Softball Jamboree on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to cheer on the athletes at the Dededo Softball Field at the Harmon Sports Complex.

Power To Serve – Customer Service Week



Public Power Week also aligns with international Customer Service Week which recognizes customer service personnel and their service to GPA’s customers on a daily basis. Since 1991, the Customer Service Group has sponsored Customer Service Week, and in 1992, the U.S. Congress proclaimed Customer Service Week a nationally recognized event annually during the first full week in October. This year, Customer Service Week is October 6 to 10, 2025, and is celebrated by more than 100,000 customer service representatives in 60 countries worldwide, 50 states, and four U.S. Territories.

GM Benavente added, “This is an important week in which we recognize our customer service frontline for their work in serving our customers. They help us to keep our customers happy through their *Håfa Adai* service and play a vital role in keeping them informed and connected. We recognize our customer service team and thank every team member and manager for their service to the people of Guam.”

The community is invited to participate in any of the outreach events. For more information, please call GPA’s Communications Office at (671) 648-3145 or email to customersfirst@gpagwa.com.

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