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USP Employees Host a Jelly Bean Drive for Beverly's Birthdays

Canonsburg, Pennsylvania – Everyone deserves a chance to have a birthday party, which is why [Utility Service Partners, Inc.](#)'s (USP) employees stepped up to donate candy and party supplies to Beverly's Birthdays, a Pittsburgh-based nonprofit dedicated to providing birthday celebrations for homeless youth in Pittsburgh.

As part of an office Jelly Bean drive in honor of National Jelly Bean Day on April 22, employees donated bags of Jelly Beans, assorted candy, birthday table cloths and napkins to donate to the local charity.

"Without the efforts of companies like Utility Service Partners, Inc. to organize and collect much needed items to carry out our mission, Beverly's Birthdays would never be able to service the homeless youth of Pittsburgh with such amazing birthday celebrations," said Josh Whiteside, Director of Development for Beverly's Birthdays.

Founded in 2001, Megan "Megs" Young was volunteering at a local afterschool program where she helped a 12-year-old girl named Beverly complete her homework. Beverly was asked to use the phrase "accustomed to" in a sentence. Attempting to provide her with an example, Young said, "Beverly, at a birthday party people are accustomed to eating what?" Beverly responded, "I've never had a birthday party or a birthday cake." Inspired by her story, Young started an organization that ensures homeless youth in the Pittsburgh region not only have a birthday party, but also classroom treats and other birthday items many take for granted.

"It is an honor to help such a great charity," said Hayley Martin, chair of USP's Community and Employee Engagement Committee that organized the drive. "Every year of life is a true celebration and every child should have the opportunity to honor the day they were born."

About Utility Service Partners – Founded in 2003, Utility Service Partners, Inc. strives to be the leading provider of solutions to North American municipal and utility clients by delivering quality programs that bring value to both the client and their residents. Operating under the consumer brand Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA), USP and SLWA are committed to addressing aging infrastructure across the nation through public-private partnerships.

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