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Dominion Energy Invests \$7,500 to Support Childhood Literacy in the Midlands

Columbia, S.C. (October 31, 2017) – Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation today presented United Way of the Midlands with a corporate gift of \$7,500 to support the [Midlands Reading Consortium](#) (MRC).

MRC is a volunteer tutoring initiative aimed at improving language skills and reading proficiency for students in pre-kindergarten through third grade.

"MRC tutors work with children at a crucial time in their development," said Sara Fawcett, President and CEO of United Way. "We know that children who aren't reading on grade level by the fourth grade are four times more likely to fail to graduate high school on time. We are so grateful for partners like Dominion Energy who invest in the children of the Midlands."

Last year, MRC served more than 500 students in Richland, Lexington and Newberry counties with the help of more than 300 volunteers. United Way focuses on education strategies that provide a firm foundation at an early age and continue to help develop our children into successful adults who can contribute to their communities.

"Dominion Energy and the Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation are pleased to support early childhood education through Midlands Reading Consortium," said Kristen Beckham, Dominion Energy.

Volunteer opportunities are still available for those interested in participating in MRC. For more information, including a list of participating schools, visit [volunteer.uway.org](#).

To learn more about United Way's work in the Midlands, visit [uway.org](#).

About United Way

United Way of the Midlands is the most organized, efficient and accountable system for investing in the community. With more than 70 Community Impact Partners, United Way works to identify and respond to the critical human service needs of Calhoun, Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, Orangeburg and Richland counties. Funds are raised through workplace campaigns, grant writing and individual donations. For more information, please visit www.uway.org.

About Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation

Dominion Energy (NYSE: D), headquartered in Richmond, is one of the nation's largest producers and transporters of energy. The Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation is dedicated to improving the physical, social and economic well-being of the communities served by Dominion Energy. The Foundation supports nonprofit causes that meet basic human needs, protect the environment, promote education and encourage community vitality. For more information, visit the company's website at www.DominionEnergy.com.

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