A Record Year: Celebrating the Public Affairs Team Breaking Records and Implementing New Traditions

Most people veer away from reinventing the wheel, but the Public Affairs team has always pushed to bring in new ideas and initiatives that push Range's external image and community relations forward.

In a year unmatched, the team pulled in $329,957 from both the Charity Golf Outing and Charity Clay Shoot events this year, which funds the Good Neighbors Fund that benefits first responders in our operating area and other unique partnerships like the United Way Veterans Fund that will receive $55,000 next year. With a successful and record-breaking year for the Good Neighbors Fund, 2025 will provide 200,000 in grant funding to emergency responder organizations.

Working closely with the community with a focus on safety has been a continued theme for both Range and the Public Affairs Department. This year, Christina Kramer, Community Relations Manager, partnered with the Safety Department to introduce the first-ever Safety Week Student Day – a separate day during safety week where 60 high school students and 10 educators from 7 local school districts and the Western Area Career and Tech Center come together to learn best practices in operations just like our own employees and contractors do during safety week.

Bringing the students to the field was no small feat and involved a lot of planning and preparation, including logistics of providing safety equipment for visitors on site. The event pulled in 40 Range employees to the Munce production site in South Strabane Township in mid-October. Small groups rotated stations led by various operations departments including construction, drilling, completions, water operations, environmental compliance, and production. Students and educators also learned more about the benefits of natural gas in our daily lives. Educators thought the opportunity was a great experience for students and that many were inspired to look further into jobs within the industry.

Further incorporating students into real-life learning, the Public Affairs team kicked off the first week of December with the inaugural Student Holiday Market hosted at the Southpointe office. The event welcomed Range welcomed 50 students from 5 local school districts and the IU1. Students ranging from elementary to high school set up booths to display their handmade goods for sale during the holiday season. Whether to earn a profit or to give back to a charity or club, these students embodied the meaning of entrepreneurship - complete with attending a Lunch and Learn with PA Foundation for Free Enterprise featuring information about their summer camp and participated in a stock market game.

Heather Gojmerac, Gifted Support teacher at Trinity Area School District said, "Range's Holiday Market fosters creativity and innovation while also teaching valuable life skills such as problem-

solving, teamwork, and financial literacy, setting the foundation for future leaders and changemakers."

The event’s success sparked a new holiday tradition for Range employees and local students.

With 2025 on the horizon, we are excited to see what the Public Affairs team has in store!