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**Frank Reynolds**

President and CEO – Berkshire Gas, CNG, SCG & UI

# NVision 2022: How AVANGRID/UI Supports Equitable Homeownership in Connecticut



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# Housing through Holistic Partnerships

- **Our Vision: Opportunity for Homeownership Extended to All**
- How do we do it? By supporting organizations that guide individuals through the process from homelessness to homeownership



Neighborhood Housing  
Services  
in New Haven



Open Hearth  
Association in Hartford



AVANGRID employee  
volunteers with Homes  
for the Brave



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# Workforce Development: The Path to Homeownership



- **Our Vision: Equip Residents with Necessary Skills for Gainful Employment**
- How do we do it? Through partnerships with organizations that provide occupational skills, licensure, and workforce readiness programs to individuals in need – including returning citizens

From left: Earl Bloodworth, Director of Reentry Services, Bridgeport; Frank Reynolds, President & CEO, UIL Holdings; Scott Wilderman, President & CEO, Career Resources; Connecticut Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz; Beth Hines, Executive Director, Community Partners in Action; at UIL Holdings' presentation of corporate donation



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# Financial Literacy: The Path to Homeownership

- **Our Vision: Arm Residents with Financial Skills to Both Purchase and Keep Their Homes**
- How do we do it? By partnering with organizations that help residents manage their finances, fix their credit, and save for the future
- UI also sets up payment plans for customers who are behind on their utility bills



Hardship Programs Lead Analyst Jaime Soto addresses Bridgeport residents on options if they fall behind on utility bills



# Conclusion: Promoting Successful Homeownership

- **Our Vision: Ensure Homeownership is an Opportunity Available to All**
- How do we do it? Through financial and volunteer partnerships with organizations across Connecticut that build homes, provide low-interest loans, and offers housing-related counseling
- UI also provides programs that bring down utility bills through energy efficiency audits



UI/AVANGRID employees volunteer at a New Haven Habitat for Humanity job site



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