

**DTE Energy**



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Dear Friends:

We would like to make you aware of an event that is taking place in downtown Detroit. The US Social Forum will be held in Detroit June 22 - 26. The forum is expected to draw as many as 30,000 people to discuss "the peoples' solutions to the economic and ecological crisis."

The US Social Forum will kick off June 22 with a demonstration at DTE Energy Headquarters. The demonstration and subsequent march will characterize DTE Energy and other local companies as active participants in the economic crisis. We respect the right of the activists to rally and speak their minds. For those of us who live and work here, our focus is on providing sustainable, tangible, realistic programs and resources to help those affected by the crisis.

DTE Energy provides a valuable service to our community - lighting and heating the homes of our 3.3 million customers reliably and in an environmentally sensitive manner. While we continually strive to keep our rates affordable, we cannot offer utility services for free. We understand times are tough here in Michigan. Over 10,000 hardworking DTE Energy employees live in the state and see some of their neighbors struggling to pay their bills. That's why we connected our customers with over \$130 million energy assistance last year. If you or someone you know is struggling to pay the energy bill, please call us at 1-800-477-4747. We can help.

DTE Energy has numerous programs in place to assist low-income customers and our most vulnerable residents. We are stationed in neighborhood churches, hold dozens of outreach events throughout the community, and aggressively lobby in Washington and Lansing for additional assistance dollars. We also partner with a long list of social service agencies, including THAW, United Way, the Salvation Army, and the Department of Human Services to offer solutions and assistance for our customers in need.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding this event or our programs and services. We will keep you apprised of events as they develop.

DTE Energy has been in Detroit for over one hundred years. We are committed to our customers, our community, and the environment. We are involved in many efforts to develop local jobs and businesses. We are committed to seeing this region and Michigan through this economic crisis.

Thank you for your continued support.

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