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GPA Commemorates Public Power Week 2026 With Canned Food and Toy Drives to Benefit Local Charities Before the Holidays

(Fadian, Mangilao) – The Guam Power Authority (GPA) commemorated the 2026 Public Power Week with an employee-led canned food drive to fill The Salvation Army's pantry and a toy drive to fill the toy chests of Catholic Social Service and Erica's House in time for the holidays.

GPA joined other national public power utilities in celebrating Public Power Week 2026 from October 4–10, 2026. Public Power Week is steered by the American Public Power Association (APPA), a voice of not-for-profit, community-owned utilities that power approximately 2,000 towns and cities nationwide and represent more than 55 million customers across the United States and its territories. GPA is an APPA member.

"Public Power Week is an annual event that allows public-owned utilities like ours to engage with our community and highlight our commitment to providing reliable power for Guam," said GPA General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. "Each year, we can't think of a better way to engage our community than by inviting them to join us in making the holidays brighter for our fellow residents."

Over 2,500 Food Items were Collected for The Salvation Army

As part of a beloved annual tradition, GPA management and employees spent parts of September and October buying and collecting canned goods and toys from each department and through collection boxes in all three GPA Customer Service lobbies, with support from generous customers.

Benavente added, "Over the past few years, our incredible team at GPA planned community-benefiting activities to fill a need. This year, they focused on collecting nonperishable food items to fill the shelves of The Salvation Army, which is instrumental in distributing food to those in need island wide."



On October 15, 2026, The Salvation Army picked up a total of 2,610 food items, including canned meats, canned fish, canned vegetables, boxed pasta, bags of rice, shelf-stable milk, and other non-refrigerated, non-perishable food items, from GPA. The canned foods arrived in time to replenish The Salvation Army's food pantry before the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Toy Drive Collects Hundreds of Toys for Guam's Children

The 2026 Public Power Week Toy Drive collected nearly 500 toys for Guam's children, shared between Catholic Social Service (CSS) and Erica's House.

On October 21, 2026, GPA packed and delivered a truckload of toys to CSS, which oversees more than 15 community programs; multiple protective shelters for abused women, children, and the elderly; and housing and services for people in need of assistance. Later the same day, GPA brought toys to Erica's House, a nonprofit family visitation center on Guam that provides safe spaces for supervised child visitations and parent exchanges affected by domestic violence, separation, or divorce.





Joyce N. Sayama, Communications Manager at GPA, shared, "We are committed to bringing joy to the children of Guam. In 2025, we launched a shoe drive for school children, and this year, our entire team was inspired to make the holidays joyful for hundreds of children. We thank our employees and customers for helping to make this endeavor successful for the children."

GPA Celebrates International Customer Service Week on Guam

Public Power Week coincided with International Customer Service Week 2026, from October 5 - 9, 2026. Customer Service Week recognizes more than 100,000 customer service representatives in 60 countries worldwide, 50 states, and four U.S. Territories. The official 2026 theme is The Extra Mile, a reminder of the value and commitment to going a little bit further for every customer.

Locally, GPA recognized its 29 customer service team members, who serve and support GPA's customers daily, with an appreciation lunch, GPA memorabilia, and a special recognition ceremony held in the GPA lobby. The ceremony featured remarks from the General Manager and CCU Vice-Chairman Peter Roy Martinez, followed by refreshments served to both employees and customers as part of the celebration.

Benavente shared, "Our customer service team are the ambassadors of our public utility operation. We recognize their very important role in communicating with our customers – on the phone, in person, and in writing – and providing the warm in-person care at our customer lobbies. We recognize every team member's dedication and thank them for their valuable contributions."

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