

# 2023 in Review:

## Lightsource bp USA Community Annual Report

At Lightsource bp, we are committed to creating an equitable, positive social impact for the communities we join, our partners and our people.

This Community Annual Report reflects on our progress in supporting communities that are home to our solar projects across America, and serves as an essential tool to further our goal of transparency in local communities.



\$515,330

Donated to community organizations in 2023



24

Community informational meetings and events in 2023 across 8 states



3,500

Community members engaged with at events in 2023



### Responsible Solar: Our community-first approach

Lightsource bp is dedicated to supporting the communities we join. That's why we have an entire Community Relations team that works closely with our neighbors to maximize the positive social impacts of our projects. Our Community Relations team engages with host communities throughout the entire project lifecycle – from the time we start planning a solar project, through to construction and then operations. They meet with stakeholders to share project information, host educational events, and in turn gather insights and feedback that help us improve our projects for your community.

Lightsource bp also forms philanthropic partnerships with non-profits, schools and other local institutions that serve community members on-the-ground.

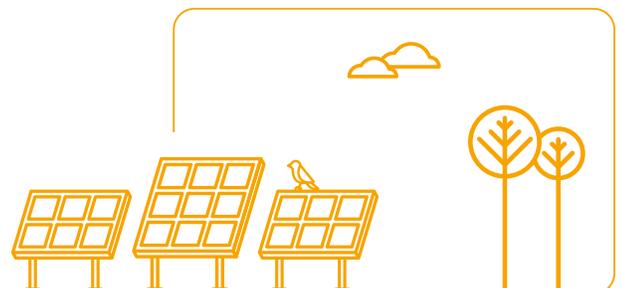
### Community giving is a priority

The benefits we're able to bring to communities are boosted through collaborative initiatives with our local partners. Our team identifies key social impact partnerships and we're committed to dedicating funds to philanthropic activities and charitable donations to community organizations that directly and equitably benefit community members.

For regions that are home to our projects, we donated \$515,330 in 2023. We encourage our team members to volunteer in these communities as well.

### 2023 community partnerships and case studies

We work closely with local stakeholders to ensure that our solar projects bring benefits beyond generating clean electricity that improves air quality for healthier communities. Our 2023 projects in the United States led to partnerships with organizations such as local food banks, schools, NGOs, fire departments and affordable housing providers. They included accessible solar job training in Indiana, and an all-inclusive, barrier free playground in Pennsylvania.



# Here are examples of our 2023 community partnerships across the United States

## *Fighting hunger and food insecurity*

### **Food pantry in Southern Colorado Elementary School**

Lightsource bp partnered with Care and Share food bank to support a food pantry at the Minnequa Elementary school, which is located in Pueblo, Colorado. The food pantry, which includes fresh produce, helps ensure the students and their families have everyday access to food. The location of the pantry in the school provides a comfortable and familiar environment for students and their families to “shop” for the foods they like to eat and cook with.

## *Supporting education, schools and childhood development*

### **Inclusive play for all in Pennsylvania**

Everyone’s Playground is an all-inclusive, barrier free playground created to accommodate children and others with special needs, disabilities, and other challenging conditions. Lightsource bp supported the final phase of Everyone’s Playground, which is the addition of an ADA-compliant Comfort Station. This changing area and restroom facility, that was designed with safety and convenience top of mind, will accommodate individuals and their caregivers with the latest personal needs and sanitary equipment, while insuring complete privacy.

### **Agriculture and STEM education in Indiana**

Lightsource bp partnered with the Rush County Community Foundation to establish the Lightsource bp Rush County Schools Fund, which will provide support for equipment and supplies for classes that teach science, technology, engineering, mathematics (STEM), or agriculture.

### **Childhood development and physical activity in Pennsylvania**

Lightsource bp helped fund a new playground at the Cambridge Springs Elementary school. During a school assembly, we presented the PTO with a surprise donation to help make a much needed bigger, better new playground possible for the school. Lightsource bp is also supporting the purchase of new uniforms for the Cambridge Springs High School boys basketball team.

### **Grants for Indiana teachers**

Lightsource bp provided six teachers throughout Merrillville, Indiana grants for classroom projects through Donorschoose.com. These teachers together were granted funds for new supplies and equipment to make impacts in literacy and language, health and wellness, and STEM education for nearly 750 students.



Learn more about this partnership and see more photos here



Learn more about our impact through Donorschoose



### **Raising funds for local schools in Louisiana**

Lightsource bp donated to the New Roads Lions Club’s 32023 Mardi Gras Parade. 100% of the proceeds from the annual parade benefit the local Pointe Coupee Parish schools.

### **Engaging students in and out of the classroom in Louisiana**

We are helping St. Landry Parish schools purchase classroom and extracurricular equipment and materials, including the Family Worship Christian Academy’s purchase of band instruments and music materials, a classroom SmartBoard, sports bleachers, STEM learning materials and student behavior incentives. Plaisance Middle School will use another portion of our funding to purchase new football helmets.



## *Supporting community services and infrastructure*

### **Attracting new residents with affordable housing in Indiana**

The Pulaski County Community Development Commission, in partnership with the Pulaski County Community Foundation, is working on a county housing project to help attract new residents and businesses to the county, where the housing market and new home construction have been stagnant, with a lack of new homes and affordable housing options. With the support of Lightsource bp and other private donors, the Pulaski County Community Development Commission is performing pre-development work on a piece of county-owned property on the southwest side of Winamac as a “catalyst site.”

### **Fund for new firetruck in Pennsylvania**

Lightsource bp provided a donation toward a fund to help volunteer firefighters at West Manchester Township Fire purchase a new truck.

### **Honoring veterans in Louisiana**

As part of Lightsource bp’s St. Landry Parish Community Fund, we have contributed toward a Welcome Center at the St. Landry Parish Veterans Memorial. The space will feature information, displays and visuals for visitors of the center, a park-like setting which honors parish veterans who served in wars over the last century.

### **Emergency service equipment in Indiana**

Lightsource bp partnered with the Rush County Community Foundation to establish the Lightsource bp Raleigh Volunteer Fire Department Fund, which will aid in the purchase and maintenance of emergency services equipment and vehicles.



## *Providing accessible job training*

### **Investing in Mississippi workforce development**

Lightsource bp is funding a workforce training program in partnership with the Mississippi Delta Community College’s Capps Technology Center. The program will provide training in general construction and maintenance to help participants gain long lasting, family supporting jobs in the solar energy as well as general construction industry.

### **Professional certifications to further long-term careers in Indiana**

Upskill SB is a City of South Bend workforce development program offering minimal cost pathways to achieving green energy and solar tech professional certifications to residents of St. Joseph County, Indiana. Lightsource bp provided financial support to five students pursuing these programs.



Hear directly from Indiana locals

With more than 80% local hires, and three unions represented on-site, Lightsource bp’s Honeysuckle Solar is driving economic development in St. Joseph County, Indiana.



# Promoting conservation and the local environment

## Conserving Monarch butterfly habitat in Arkansas

Due to habitat loss and other factors, including climate change, migratory monarch populations have sharply declined over the last twenty years. So much so, that they are now included on the International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List of Threatened Species. That's one reason why Lightsource bp and the Arkansas Monarch Conservation Partnership (AMCP) are teaming up to create a haven for monarchs at our solar farm in White County, Arkansas. Lightsource bp also provided a donation to the organization to help them further their conservation goals statewide.



Learn more about the Arkansas Monarch Conservation Partnership



## Community dialogue – we want to be a good neighbor

A critical step in all of our projects is open and transparent dialog with the communities we join.

In 2023 alone, we held **24** community events across **8** states, engaging with over **3,500** community members.

We have a dedicated Community Relations team that welcomes questions and comments, and is here to ensure that Lightsource bp is an active member in the community. It's a two-way conversation. The team also actively solicits community feedback to help shape our final project plans.

To connect with a Community Relations Manager please email [USCommunityRelations@lightsourcebp.com](mailto:USCommunityRelations@lightsourcebp.com).

### Community event and job fair in Louisiana

In addition to holding informational meetings when a solar project is being introduced in a community, we also hold community events once construction on a project is ready to begin. This event in St. Landry Parish, Louisiana is a typical example:

- To celebrate the start of construction, we held a community event at the Parish Fairgrounds with music, food and family-friendly activities.
- During the event, we gave out 200 free backpacks stuffed with back-to-school supplies for students.
- The event was also an opportunity for the community members to ask questions about the solar farm and inquire about potential jobs at the project.

