

## News Release

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### **KUB Plants Trees at Habitat for Humanity Homes**

*Community Tree Canopy Grows in honor of Tennessee Arbor Day*

**Knoxville, TN** – KUB has celebrated Tennessee Arbor Day by planting trees at Habitat for Humanity homes for 16 years. Today, KUB and its contractor planted dogwood trees throughout the community.

“This is an annual tradition we look forward to at KUB,” Gabriel J. Bolas II, KUB President and CEO, said. “Our partnership with Habitat for Humanity helps supply trees for every new home, which provides benefits for our whole community. At the same time, we are committed to quality tree care while providing safe, reliable electric service to the community.”

Trees can help homeowners conserve energy, increase property values, and clean the air and water. As a participating member of the Arbor Day Foundation’s Tree Line USA program since 2001, KUB follows best practices in utility arboriculture through quality tree care, annual worker training, tree planting, and public education. KUB encourages customers who are interested in planting their own trees to use proper tree planting techniques. This includes:

- Calling 811 before any digging project – no matter how small – to have utility lines marked.
- Planting the right tree in the right place to ensure trees remain out of utility maintenance zones.
- Selecting a native plant, which will require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides to maintain.

KUB serves more than 218,000 electric customers and maintains more than 5,000 miles of electric lines. For more information on how to plant the right tree in the right place, Tennessee’s Call 811 system, or KUB’s tree pruning services, visit [www.kub.org/plantsmart](http://www.kub.org/plantsmart). For more information on Habitat for Humanity, visit [www.knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com](http://www.knoxvillehabitatforhumanity.com)



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*KUB provides more than 486,000 customers in Knox and parts of seven surrounding counties with safe and reliable electric, fiber, natural gas, wastewater treatment, and water services.*