The Tanks of Thanks program sponsored by Cenex rewarded more than 2,600 people with nearly $132,000 in free fuel in 2012.

This month kicks off the second year of the program, which recognizes and rewards people’s good deeds with $50 Tanks of Thanks gift cards redeemable at any Cenex retail location.

In the program’s second year, CHS Energy and Cenex retailers will continue sharing stories of people who are making a difference in their communities and rewarding their contributions with free fuel.

“The Tanks of Thanks program is our way of saying thank you to the people who do their part to make the communities we serve just a little bit better.” says Akhtar Hussain, CHS refined fuels brand marketing manager.

“We have been overwhelmed by the thousands of inspirational stories that people have shared with us at tanksofthanks.com, and we are thrilled to continue the program to reward even more people for in 2013,” he said.

The Tanks of Thanks program encourages people to nominate someone they know who deserves recognition for his or her simple acts of kindness or contributions to the community. Each nomination is shared on tanksofthanks.com and is entered for a chance to receive free fuel.

“Nominating someone for Tanks of Thanks is easy, and anyone can nominate or be nominated for any act of kindness—big or small,” says Hussain. “There is no limit to the number of people you can nominate.”

Each month, 100 nominees are drawn at random to receive a Tanks of Thanks gift card worth $50 at any Cenex retail location. In addition to the monthly drawing, Cenex retailers are also giving away Tanks of Thanks gift cards to reward individuals they see doing good in their communities.

Nearly all the 1,400 Cenex brand dealer and retail locations are locally owned and operated, and play an active role in their communities. There are more than 112 locations in Nebraska. Last year, 76 recipients were awarded free fuel in Nebraska for their community contributions.