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**Student Assistance Foundation: Reaching Out to Displaced Workers from AmeriGas**

Student Assistance Foundation (SAF) is working closely with representatives of AmeriGas (formerly Heritage Propane) to recruit AmeriGas employees to fill numerous new positions at SAF's wholly-owned subsidiary, Tru Student, Inc.

"SAF is in the process of expanding its student loan servicing business through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Tru Student," said Jim Stipcich, president/chief executive officer of SAF and Tru Student, Inc. "Tru Student is working toward becoming an authorized federal contractor to service federally owned loans and we anticipate receiving 200,000 of these loan accounts by October 2012. In order to manage the work load, we'll need to hire about 100 new positions."

SAF established Tru Student in an effort to assure continued, sustainable funding for SAF's wide range of public benefit programs following the elimination of the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) program by Congress in 2010.

As part of its plan to reach out to AmeriGas employees, SAF will participate in a career fair with AmeriGas on Thursday to accommodate networking and information-sharing about employment opportunities with Tru Student.

In addition, AmeriGas employees are encouraged to submit their application materials for open positions. Successful applicants will be scheduled to participate in a preliminary training program to prepare them to begin their employment with SAF and Tru Student in early July.

"It's SAF's privilege to work with AmeriGas to provide a positive outcome for the Helena community," Stipcich said.

He added that any positions not filled by AmeriGas workers will be advertised through regular employment channels including the SAF website ([www.safmt.org](http://www.safmt.org)). He encourages job candidates to check those sources regularly for updates.

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