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Giant electrifies Philly deliveries

The Giant Co. added four electric vehicles to its fleet serving the greater Philadelphia community. The electric vans will fulfill Giant Direct customer deliveries while reducing the company's environmental footprint, safeguarding nearly 9,000 gallons of gas each year.

“Fulfilling our purpose of connecting families for a better future means taking action today to create a healthier, more sustainable tomorrow,” said Daren Russ, vice president of omnichannel operations for The Giant Co. “The addition of electric vehicles is an economic and environmental investment that saves fuel costs and time while avoiding harmful emissions. Electric vehicles are a tool to strengthen the environment in the communities we serve and part of our commitment to healing our planet.”

The electric vehicles are the first of their kind to join The Giant Co.'s 164 vehicle fleet and can travel 108 miles per charge. Their zero-tailpipe emission design combined with their avoidance of gasoline will prevent 171,963 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions annually. Over the next few years, The Giant Co. plans to introduce more all-electric vehicles to its fleet.

The electric vehicle pilot is part of The Giant Co.'s greater commitment to sustainability. Since 2018, Giant has partnered with PDI Sustainable Solutions to implement a reduced emission program to reduce its carbon footprint.

“Electric vehicles are part of The Giant Co.'s ongoing commitment to sustainability,” said Tracy Horsfield, manager of e-commerce for The Giant Co. “We continue to partner with sustainability leaders to reduce and offset emissions at every level of our supply chain. Together, we are taking action and forging partnerships to create healthier communities for generations to come.”

Building on its sustainability efforts, in 2021 The Giant Co. entered an agreement with Constellation, a leading energy solutions provider, to power its Pennsylvania operations with renewable energy. The partnership has invested in four solar fields, the first of which became operational in January to avoid more than 100,000 metric tons of Scope 2 carbon emissions associated with The Giant Co.'s annual energy use.

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