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**LET'S "DO THE BRIGHT THING"**

Utah Power and government agencies joined with NEF this spring and summer to develop, implement and evaluate a major school-to-home energy efficiency education program designed for students and their families, grades 5 through 8. A special edition of NEF's *LivingWise* Resource Action kit was sent home with 4,499 students in order for energy saving technologies to be installed in each of their homes. 119 teachers participated to instruct and train these students with the goal that the immediate savings realized would make a long lasting impact on understanding the importance of energy conservation.

**FULFILLMENT REPORT**

The NEF Academy for Natural Gas Education is once again gearing up for a busy school year. Through the sponsorship of natural gas utilities across the country, thousands of teachers will receive important educational materials on natural gas safety and other topics.

**FROM THE "NEF WISH LIST:"**

At the top of the list of projects that NEF hopes to develop is a poster called "*Energy Dilemmas: Essential Understandings.*" It will be designed to deal with the current, emerging and constantly changing energy dilemmas. We are in the process of preparing a proposal for this project and will start looking for resources soon. If you have any leads or suggestions, please contact NEF's president, Ed Dalton. The Foundation has also recently secured funding for a *Construction Materials* instructional poster and hopes to obtain adequate support for a new *Abandoned Mine Safety* project, including materials development and distribution.

**NEF CHARACTER EDUCATION INITIATIVE**

Responding to the needs of educators, students, and communities, the Foundation has begun a new character education initiative. The first phase of the project, which will be printed this fall, is a new instructional poster called *In Search of Character*. NEF expects to integrate this attractive and unique new resource into its energy and natural resource education programs. This initiative is being made possible by an educational grant from Johnson Controls, Inc.

## **FUELING THE FUTURE**

NEF is proud to have completed its 37<sup>th</sup> instructional poster titled *Fueling the Future*. Thousands of copies of the beautiful new poster have already been distributed in various communities around the country. The poster features information on solutions, concerns and some of the challenges of future

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energy uses, with a focus on alternative fuel vehicles. To obtain copies, please call NEF.

### **MUNICIPAL POWER GROUP JOINS PARTNERSHIP**

UMPA (Utah Municipal Power Agency) has joined the *Rebuild America – Energy Smart Schools* partnership to provide school buildings in four school districts of six Utah cities with *Energy Action in Schools* materials. Participating school districts include Provo, Nebo, Juab, and South Sanpete, with 28 individual schools being impacted. The program objective of this NEF partnership is to promote energy efficiency in school buildings.

### **HOME DEPOT PROGRAM**

Orientation and implementation for the *Home Depot – NEF Energy Action Education Program* has been conducted at four western elementary schools in California, Nevada, and Arizona. Two more schools in California are on-line to participate in the program this fall. This school-based program is proving to be an effective tool in raising energy awareness, modifying behavior and providing educational experiences to make greater energy savings possible in school and at home.

### **WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING . . .**

This comment comes from 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Kathy Millward, of Gilkey Elementary in Plainwell, MI:

*“I recently requested and received . . . materials from NEF. I am writing to let you know that they are just what I needed to supplement my curriculum and raise student interest in the area of natural resources. Thank you for offering this excellent package. It was easy to use and correlated well with our state objectives in many disciplines.”*

### **NEF ENERGY EDUCATION CALENDAR – SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 2001**

September 17	Brevard County Schools teacher workshop, Cocoa Beach, Florida
September 18	Jordan School District Energy Fair, Oak Hollow Elem., Draper, UT
September 27-28	Utah Education Association, SLC, UT
October 1-31	<i>National Energy Awareness Month</i>
October 4	Murray School District Energy Fair, SL Community College, SLC, UT
October 4-5	Idaho Science Teachers Association conference, Idaho Falls, ID
October 5-6	My Earth Our Home workshop, Victorville, CA
October 7-13	<i>National Earth Science Week</i>
October 25-27	NSTA Regional Convention, SLC, UT

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