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FROM THE MANAGER/CEO

Change a Light, Change the world



Rick L. Eichelberger
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LIKE MANY UTILITIES and other businesses across the country, New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc. (REC) has joined the Energy Star “Change a Light, Change the World” campaign. This campaign is a national call-to-action from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to challenge

all of us to replace at least one incandescent light with an Energy Star compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL). We can help change the world, one light and one energy-saving step at a time.

Over the seven years of its existence,



260,060 people have taken the challenge. Over half of the goal of 500,000 has been reached. Every light changed is a step in the right direction to preserve energy resources and our environment for this generation and the generations to come. If one incandescent bulb were changed for every child in America, this would prevent more than 30 billion pounds of greenhouse gas emissions. The energy saved would light more than 15 million homes for one year.

Energy-efficient light bulbs and fixtures that earn the Energy Star seal offer the latest in style and convenience plus the quality consumers expect. Not only do

they provide the warm, bright light we want, they also use at least two-thirds less energy than traditional models. In addition, these bulbs last up to 10 times longer.

Lighting accounts for about 20 percent of the average home’s electric bill and is one of the easiest places to save energy.

Energy Star-qualified CFLs are available in different sizes and shapes such as mini-spiral, spiral, and A-line, and fit in almost any fixture. On an average, each CFL can save more than \$30 in electricity over the lifetime of the bulb.

To begin with, replace incandescent bulbs with CFLs in the rooms you use the most, like kitchens, living rooms, bathrooms, or porches. Energy Star-qualified products cost more to purchase but are a great investment for you and the environment in the long run.

You may be wondering how important it is to switch your lighting products. In addition to keeping your home cooler in the summer (CFLs generate 70 percent less heat than a regular bulb), they help out the environment. The average home is responsible for more air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions than the average car — and the energy that goes into lighting plays a part in that. Consider these facts if one room in every American household were brightened by Energy Star lighting:

► We would save more than 800 billion kilowatt-hours of energy and keep one trillion pounds of greenhouse gases out of the air over the lifetime of the fixtures and bulbs.

► The change would save Americans over \$3 billion annually in electricity costs.

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A Food Ministry With A Servant's Heart

BY BRAWNA L. SELL

TRUDY BOLLMAN and Tim Laird, both of New Enterprise, had a vision to start a ministry that would help people in the local area. Then along came Angel Food Ministries, and the chance to fulfill their vision. With the organization's help, Trudy and Tim established an Angel Food Ministries site at the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren in May 2005.

Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing groceries to communities across America at a reasonable cost. The program began in Georgia in 1994 with 34 families. Working through churches and community organizations, it has since expanded to 32 states and now serves over 125,000 families every month.

The program provides families medium box-sized units of food at \$25 per unit. One unit can help feed a family of four for about a week with restaurant quality food (no second-hand, damaged, or out-dated goods). The menus vary from month to month (see sample menu), with a mix of fresh and frozen items. Retail prices for the same items range from \$42 to \$78. The program also makes available specialty boxes of steaks, chicken, and pork.

There are no financial guidelines or applications required to purchase the food from the ministry, and the program



A LEG UP: **Kyler States, son of Shawn and Stephanie States, stands tall as he helps hand out peanut butter.**

is non-denominational. In addition, there is no limit to the number of units or bonus foods an individual can purchase.

Those interested in the program simply sign up in the basement of the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren. The quick and easy process requires only your name, address, phone number, and what you would like to order. A volunteer completes the order form for you. After the form is completed, you pay and you are done. The form is taken along when you pick up your food. To save a trip, people can also sign up the day of the food distribution.

The food was originally distributed at the Southern Cove Volunteer Fire Company building (the former Replogle School) in New Enterprise. Due to the growth of the program, the distribution

location moved to the Northern Bedford County Elementary School in March of 2006.

The delivery tractor and trailers begin their journey in Atlanta and, if there are enough units requested, they make their way right to the distribution point in New Enterprise. Otherwise, the food has to be picked at Johnstown or the Chestnut Ridge School by volunteers who bring it back to the distribution point. They start their day at 5 a.m. in order to have the food ready for handing out at 8 a.m.

The dedication of volunteers really makes the program possible. The ministry has 15 core volunteers working each month to make the program run smoothly, and more are always welcome. To make distribution day run efficiently, for example, approximately 75 people are needed.

Call for Volunteers

There is no age limit for volunteers. This is a great way to get children and youth involved in community activities. If you don't have much time or you have a lot of time, a job can be found for you.



HELPING HANDS: **Volunteers are crucial to the food ministry.**

Early risers and late risers are needed. Volunteers are needed for sign up, setting up tables, checking people in and out, unloading boxes of food from the truck, handing food out, and helping people to their vehicles with their food.

Another way to help is by donating units of food. Those interested can simply indicate that they would like to donate a unit or units to a family in need when signing up.


New Enterprise Church of the Brethren receives \$1 for each unit sold and 25 cents for each specialty box. This money goes into the church's benevolence fund. The church has been able to donate money to Camp Blue Diamond's Capital Campaign, the new American School in Haiti and to Kulp Bible School in Nigeria. Both schools in Haiti and Nigeria have a local connection. Brandy Fix and Mona

Lou Teeter from the New Enterprise area are missionaries in these schools.

Many people put hours and hours into this program. They don't work for a wage. They work for the enjoyment of helping others. And no matter how many units they sell each month, they continue to work hard to make this Angel Food Ministry a blessing to all. Without such volunteers and help from some area businesses, this program wouldn't be able to continue. Morral Brothers from Everett donated a truck in the beginning to pick up the food. The Stevens Company from Altoona is currently donating the pickup truck. During the summer of 2006 Ritchey's Dairy of Martinsburg donated a milk truck to keep the frozen food from thawing.

Even though there are times of stress and nail-biting, the program has been well worth it. The ministry is doing just what it was intended to do: helping the people living in our community. In the 14 months that the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren has been operating this ministry, 5,970 units and 3,390 specialty boxes have been sold. Each month five to eight units are donated to families in need.

The Angel Food Ministries at New Enterprise Church of the Brethren is a great example of what two people's vision can develop into.

If you would like to help with this ministry or would like more information, you can call the New Enterprise Church of the Brethren at 814/766-2161 or Angel Food Ministries at 1-800-819-3745. You can also go to Angel Food Ministries' Web site at: www.angelfoodministries.com. 

FROM THE MANAGER/CEO

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- ▶ Our annual energy savings alone would be equivalent to the annual output of more than 21 power plants.
- ▶ The annual energy savings would be equivalent to removing more than 8 million cars from the road for one year.

Don't toss CFL bulbs in the trash!

CFLs contain a very small amount of mercury sealed within the glass tubing. So do not throw old or broken fluorescent bulbs in the trash. Some stores have disposal programs, so check with the store when you are purchasing your new lights. If the store doesn't have a program in place, there are a number of local locations where you can dispose the lights. Bedford County Conservation District has a recycling event every other year to collect hazardous material. CFLs would be considered hazardous because of the mercury in them. Fulton and Huntingdon Conservation District has this event every year. The events are announced over the radio and advertised in newspapers. The Hite Company in Altoona accepts these bulbs from businesses and homes throughout the year.

Keep all old or broken lights in a recycling bin. If a fluorescent bulb breaks, do not vacuum up the broken glass. Put on a pair of disposable gloves, clean up the pieces with a damp paper towel and seal everything in a plastic bag or container. Manufacturers are working on developing a fluorescent bulb that is more landfill friendly. These bulbs will contain less mercury than the present bulbs.

Take the challenge

So why not take the challenge right now. When you take the pledge you are committing to changing one light in your home to an Energy Star-qualified light — a CFL. To make your pledge go to: www.energystar.gov and click on "Take the ENERGY STAR Change a Light Pledge!" Complete the required information. Don't forget to name New Enterprise Rural Electric Cooperative as the organization. 

Sample Menu

- (6) 5 oz. Bacon-Wrapped Beef Filets
- (1) 1.5 lb. Boneless Pork Roast
- (1) 2 lb. Fully Cooked Frying Chicken
- (1) 2 lb. Salisbury Steak Entree
- (1) 72 lb. Boneless/Skinless Chicken Breast
- (1) 1 lb. Flame-Broiled Meatballs
- (1) 16 oz. Bean Soup Mix
- (1) 26 oz. Pasta Sauce
- (1) 16 oz. Pasta
- (1) 7.5 oz. Mac & Cheese
- (1) 24 oz. French Fries
- (1) 16 oz. Green Peas & Carrots
- (1) 15 oz. Diced Bartlett Pears
- (1) 14 oz. Peanut Butter
- (1) 8 oz. Pancake Mix
- (1) Dessert Item
- (1) 7 oz. Brown N Serve Sausage

PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2007

- ▶ Sign-up dates are Jan. 11 and 12, Feb. 8 and 9, March 15 and 16, April 12 and 13, May 10 and 11, and June 14 and 15.
- ▶ Sign-up times are 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Thursday and 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday.
- ▶ The distribution days are Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 31, April 28, May 26, and June 30. The start and end time may vary but are normally 8 to 10 a.m.

SOME OTHER ANGEL FOOD MINISTRIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

- Altoona - Juniata United Methodist Church
- Everett - First Christian Church (formerly First United Church of Christ)
- Hyndman - Hyndman Food Bank
- Roaring Spring - Trinity United Methodist Church
- Shippensburg - Shippensburg Church of the Nazarene
- Williamsburg - Williamsburg Church of the Brethren

KIDZCORNER

In November's *Penn Lines* we challenged children and teens to a Christmas drawing contest. Below are the winners of each age group. The employees of the cooperative voted on their favorite drawings. Choosing among all the creative pictures wasn't an easy task. They were great! We have many talented artists in our service territory. These pictures were displayed in the cooperative's office during the Christmas season. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all who took the time to draw the pictures.

Children 7 & under



Jessica from Everett



Jonathon from New Enterprise



Ages 8-12



Marjorie from Martinsburg



Ruthann from New Enterprise



Ages 13-18



Marilyn from New Enterprise



Melvin from New Enterprise

