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HomeFront and NRG Send Over 150 Kids in Mercer County to Camp

- NRG Energy's \$100,000 Grant Funds HomeFront's Summer Camps Program-

PRINCETON, NJ; August 19, 2009—For the second year in a row, NRG Energy was the primary sponsor of HomeFront's Summer Camps, a program that provides over 150 less fortunate children in Mercer County with a summer filled with learning, fun and making new friends. This year, with state funding unavailable, NRG's Global Giving program helped keep the summer camps program alive with a \$100,000 grant.

"Without NRG's help, the summer would have been pretty dismal for our children," said Connie Mercer, Executive Director of HomeFront. "From everyone at HomeFront—the staff, the counselors and the camp kids—we thank NRG for their continued support of our programs."

With school out of session and parents at work, the camps give kids a place to go during summertime where they learn about art and music, receive swimming lessons, play team sports and attend off-site field trips. Last year, NRG provided an initial \$150,000 grant, which allowed HomeFront to hire new staff and to continue operation of the seven-week program.

"Working with HomeFront's summer camps program to give campers a safe environment rich with new learning experiences is rewarding—we are glad to support this effort," said David Crane, President and CEO of NRG Energy, on a recent visit to the camp in Ewing.

NRG's Global Giving program has donated millions of dollars to non-profit organizations that address vital community needs through targeted and sustainable service programs consistent with the Company's four focus areas: community and economic development, education, environment and human welfare.

About HomeFront

HomeFront's mission is to help homeless and low income families in Mercer County stop the cycle of poverty by finding them jobs, affordable homes and security. HomeFront's methods are based on a holistic approach that serves every member of the family and provides support in all areas from the procurement of free food, furniture, cars and clothing when needed, to all manner of life skills training, mentoring and support. HomeFront's programs are comprehensive; they include job readiness training, job skills certification, educational enrichment, summer camp, and culminate with placement into affordable housing with ongoing supportive services. Visit HomeFront on the Web at <u>www.homefrontnj.org</u>.

About NRG

NRG Energy, Inc., a Fortune 500 company, owns and operates one of the country's largest and most diverse power generation portfolios. Headquartered in Princeton, NJ, the Company's power plants provide more than 24,000 megawatts of generation capacity—enough to supply more than 20 million homes. NRG's retail business, Reliant Energy, serves more than 1.6 million residential, business, commercial and industrial customers in Texas. A past recipient of the energy industry's highest honors—Platts Industry Leadership and Energy Company of the Year awards. NRG is a member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership (USCAP), a group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. More information is available at <u>www.nrgenergy.com</u>.

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