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## **Student Conservation Association and NRG Energy Power Up Youth Conservation Programs**

*—NRG provides \$50,000 to fund volunteer efforts nationwide—*

(STAMFORD, CT) July 15, 2010—The Student Conservation Association (SCA), a national leader in youth service and stewardship, is partnering with NRG Energy (NYSE:NRG) to provide green jobs and service opportunities to youth in Fairfield County, Connecticut and across the country. NRG, one of the country's largest electricity generators, donated \$50,000 to fund the program and also provide onsite volunteer support for projects nationwide.

To kick off the partnership, NRG employees will join SCA members in a joint "Get Outdoors Day" service project at the Stamford Museum Nature Center today. SCA and NRG participants will work together to install new handrails and make improvements on a section of the "Wheels in the Woods" universally accessible nature trail at the Center. In addition, NRG facilities throughout Connecticut will host SCA members in a series of educational and mentoring sessions planned throughout the year.

"SCA is grateful to NRG Energy, with whom we share many important values including service, diversity and sustainability," says SCA President Dale Penny. "Thanks to NRG, SCA will connect more young people to nature and conserve the natural treasures here in Fairfield County and across the American landscape."

"NRG supports SCA's mission of building new generations of conservation leaders," said Verne Shortell, NRG's Executive Director of Environmental Business. "With this funding and our own volunteer efforts, we are pleased to help make SCA's projects successful, while also making an investment in the environmental leaders of the future."

**About NRG Energy**

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 1.6 million residential, business, and 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 [www.nrgenergy.com](http://www.nrgenergy.com).

**About SCA**

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is the only national organization that develops tomorrow's conservation leaders by providing high school and college students with conservation service opportunities in all 50 states, from urban communities to national parks and forests. Since 1957, SCA's hands-on practice of conservation service has helped to develop new generations of conservation leaders, inspire lifelong stewardship, and save the planet. SCA is a non-profit headquartered in Charlestown, NH and maintains regional offices in Boise, ID, Oakland, CA, Pittsburgh, PA, Seattle, WA, and Washington, D.C. For more, logon at [thesca.org](http://thesca.org).

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