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### **Special Needs Activity Center for Kids (SNACK) recognizes NRG Energy with “SNACK & Friends 2008 Visionary Award”**

**New York, NY; May 21, 2008**—Earlier this month, Princeton, NJ-based NRG Energy, Inc. was recognized by Special Needs Activity Center for Kids (SNACK) with its annual SNACK & Friends 2008 Visionary Award, for financially supporting this organization from the start and giving hope to many special needs children and their families. SNACK Executive Director, Jackie Ceonzo presented the award to NRG during its annual “Friendraiser” reception held at the Pratt Mansion in New York City.

“NRG’s vision of helping us promote social interaction and provide a safe and secure environment for learning has truly has given hope to so many children,” said Ceonzo. “We look forward to our continued relationship with them well into the future.”

“SNACK’s mission is to provide a much-needed after-school and weekend program for children with developmental disabilities and their families,” said David Crane, President and CEO, NRG Energy, Inc. “With its SNACKtivites program, children are given the opportunity to interact with others who share similar abilities, make new friends, and participate in activities that typical kids do everyday, and we are proud to support this organization.”

Ceonzo, whose son was diagnosed with autism, founded SNACK in 2003, as she was unable to find an after school program that accommodated her son’s needs. The nationally recognized organization’s mission is to enrich the lives of children with developmental disabilities like autism, Attention Deficit Disorder and Asperger Syndrome and their families in a fun, creative and welcoming environment. Over the past four years, SNACK ([www.snacknyc.com](http://www.snacknyc.com)) has grown from serving six to over 300 children, ages 3 to13, in the New York City metropolitan area.

NRG Energy, which owns power plants in the New York City area, including Astoria and Staten Island, has committed to expand “SNACKtivites,” the organization’s after-school program. The program is designed and staffed to address challenging behavioral issues, increase skill levels and promote improved social interactions and peer relations.

The SNACK after-school and weekend program is one project currently being funded through NRG’s Global Giving initiative. NRG 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.

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**Photo:**

Pictured from left to right: Michael Schatz and Dennis Nolan of NRG's Astoria Generating Station accept an award given to NRG for its support of SNACK, along with SNACK Executive Director, Jackie Ceonzo.

**About NRG Energy**

A Fortune 500 company, NRG Energy, Inc. owns and operates a diverse portfolio of power generating facilities, primarily in Texas and the Northeast, South Central and West regions of the United States. Its operations include baseload, intermediate, peaking, and cogeneration and thermal energy production facilities. NRG also has ownership interests in generating facilities in Australia and Germany. NRG is a member of USCAP, a diverse group of business and environmental organizations calling for mandatory legislation to achieve significant reductions of greenhouse gas emissions. NRG is also a founding member of "3C—Combat Climate Change," a global initiative with companies calling on the global business community to take a leadership role in designing the road map to a low carbon society.

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