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GLOBAL SERVICE EVENT HELD AT HOGARTH RIVERVIEW MANOR

(Thunder Bay, ON. June 22, 2006) On Thursday, June 22, 2006, Duke Energy employees and retirees hosted a Community Connections Barbecue and planted a garden in the Amethyst Courtyard for the residents of Hogarth Riverview Manor.

Each year, Duke Energy recognizes the value of volunteerism through the Global Service Event (GSE). Community improvement projects, led by employees and retiree groups, create exposure to a variety of projects and illustrate the depth of need in the community. Projects must improve, renovate or add tangible value to the organization through "sweat equity".

Sheryl Watson, GSE Organizer, stated "This year marks our fifth annual GSE here in Thunder Bay. Union Gas is committed to volunteerism and supporting the communities where we operate. We look forward to our project at Hogarth Riverview Manor and making Amethyst Courtyard a beautiful space for the residents and their families to enjoy."

The Community Connectors Giant BBQ was at Hogarth Riverview Manor, 300 Lillie Street, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday. This one-of-a-kind BBQ looks exactly like a typical backyard model except it's 12 feet long and 6 feet high.

Tracy Buckler, President and CEO, SJCG, said, "St. Joseph's Care Group is grateful to Union Gas employees and their families who volunteered to improve the garden in Amethyst Courtyard. We are very appreciative of their community spirit."

Duke Energy employees and retirees participated in nearly 400 community service projects in 133 communities in the U.S., Canada, and Peru in 2005. Union Gas employees and retirees volunteered to lead more than 58 projects across Ontario. In total, over 1100 employees contributed close to 7000 hours towards refurbishing and landscaping buildings, constructing playground areas, gazebos, camp shelters and walking trails, organizing food and clothing drives, planting trees in community parks and much more.

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