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Gladbrook-Reinbeck School District Receives \$300,000 From Consumers Energy For Their Day Care Center in Reinbeck *USDA Rural Business Development Grant Funds*

Marshalltown, Iowa. Consumers Energy presented the Gladbrook-Reinbeck School District with a check for \$300,000 on December 22, 2009, a no-interest loan from the USDA Rural Development which will be applied to the construction costs of the district's Day Care Center in Reinbeck as part of the federal government's Rural Economic Development Grant Program. These funds were awarded to Consumers Energy, who then distributed them to the Gladbrook-Reinbeck School District for the Day Care Center project.

The grants and loans are awarded through USDA Rural Development to electric and telecommunications cooperative organizations, which in turn provide loans or grants to support local economic or community development efforts. Funds can be used for a variety of purposes, including community facilities and infrastructure, improving access to local medical care and other projects that encourage a favorable climate for jobs and growth. Funding of selected applicants is contingent upon meeting the conditions of the loan and/or grant agreement. The loans and grants support business economic and community development and assist in the creation or saving of rural jobs and to spur economic development in rural areas.

"This is a significant project for the Gladbrook-Reinbeck Community School District, the Reinbeck community and for Consumers Energy. Being a locally owned cooperative with a strong commitment to our communities, we are glad to work in a spirit of cooperation with the school district to help with improving the quality of life and enhancing the economic viability of the rural area," said Brian Heithoff, CEO and General Manager of Consumers Energy.

Consumers Energy is a local, member-owned energy solutions cooperative specializing in energy delivery and energy management. The cooperative serves over 5,000 members and customers in six counties throughout Central Iowa: Marshall, Jasper, Polk, Tama, Story, and Hardin.



Pictured Left to Right:
Consumers Energy CEO/General Manager Brian Heithoff; Day Care Students William Kiburis,
Lane Ellington, and Rachel Quackenbush; and Gladbrook-Reinbeck School District
Superintendent Tim Kuehl.