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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### PROGRESS ENERGY BREWS POTIONS AND MOTIONS FOR MATH, SCIENCE, AND ENERGY

**July 23, 2009—Kissimmee, FL:** The Progress Energy Foundation has generously awarded a Potions and Motions grant in the amount of \$25,000 to the Education Foundation~Osceola County. Debbie Clements, Community Relations Manager for Progress Energy, presented the check pictured below to the Education Foundation's Executive Director, Kathy Carr. The event took place at The School District of Osceola County's school board meeting on July 7, 2009.



Progress Energy's Potions and Motions grant has funded this program to offer competitive mini-grants of up to \$2,400 each to math and science educators who wish to motivate and increase the interest of students in math, science, and energy education. Each mini-grant is reviewed by a committee comprised of Education Foundation board members, members of a science and math network, educators, and people from the community. The highest scoring proposal receives funding. By distributing funds in this manner each school and department has an

opportunity to compete for supplementary funds. Sunshine State Standards will provide direction for student learning of both math and science content and processes. Grade level expectations are recommended by the state, and will become the basis for state assessments. These mini-grants sponsored by Progress Energy will not only improve the learning environment but will also increase the population receiving benefits from the program.

The **Education Foundation~Osceola County** is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting public education, teachers, and students. Led by a volunteer board of directors, the Foundation awards scholarships each year to Osceola County graduates. Other important accomplishments include matching children with mentors through the Take Stock in Children and Bookmark Buddies programs, providing classroom supplies to needy students and eligible teachers at no cost through a teacher free store, as well as providing classroom project grants

and hosting special appreciation events for Osceola County educators and students. Visit our Web site at [www.foundationosceola.org](http://www.foundationosceola.org) for more information about A Gift for Teaching of Osceola County or the Education Foundation~Osceola County.



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