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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **WINNERS OF PROGRESS ENERGY “ENERGIZE ME” MINI-GRANTS ANNOUNCED BY THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**January 6, 2009—Kissimmee, FL:** The Education Foundation~Osceola County wishes to congratulate the following winners of the Progress Energy “Energize Me” Mini-Grants. These mini-grants enable teachers to implement innovative and creative projects that reinforce students’ knowledge in the areas of science, mathematics, and energy. Progress Energy awarded this grant in the amount of \$25,000. Debbie Clements from Progress Energy presented the check to Kathy Carr, Executive Director of the Education Foundation. The event took place at The School District of Osceola County’s school board meeting on June 1, 2008.

The winners are:

Beth Barnard (Partin Settlement Elementary School)  
Kathleen Collier (St. Cloud High School)  
Pam Cooper (Michigan Avenue Elementary School)  
Jennifer Hess (Narcoossee Community School)  
Charles Jahn (Neptune Middle School)  
Jennifer Johnson (Neptune Elementary School)  
Preston R. Lees (Kissimmee Middle School)  
Wendy Norton (Bellalago Academy)  
Patti O’Brien (Lakeview Elementary School)  
Karen Perry (Neptune Middle School)  
William Underly (St. Cloud Elementary School)  
Josh VandeBerg (St. Cloud Elementary School)  
James Walsh (Horizon Middle School)

Progress Energy Florida, a subsidiary of Progress Energy (NYSE: PGN), provides electricity and related services to 1.7 million customers in Florida. The company is headquartered in St. Petersburg, FL, and serves a territory encompassing more than 20,000 square miles including the cities of St. Petersburg and Clearwater, as well as the Central Florida area surrounding Orlando. Progress Energy Florida is pursuing a balanced approach to meeting the future energy needs of the region.



*Pictured left to right: Debbie Clements Community Relations Manager for Progress Energy-Florida, South Central Region and Kathy Carr, Executive Director of the Education Foundation.*

That balance includes increased energy-efficiency programs, investments in renewable energy technologies and a state-of-the-art electricity system. For more information about Progress Energy, visit the company’s Web site at [www.progress-energy.com](http://www.progress-energy.com).

**The Education Foundation~Osceola County** is a nonprofit organization

dedicated to supporting public education, teachers and students. Led by a 40 member board of directors, the Foundation

awarded over one-hundred thirty (\$2,000) scholarships in 2008 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 AGFT teacher free store, as well as providing classroom project grants and hosting special appreciation events for Osceola County educators and students. Visit our website at [www.foundationosceola.org](http://www.foundationosceola.org) for more information about the Education Foundation~Osceola County.

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