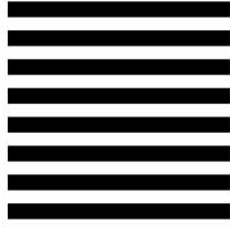




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We look forward to communicating
with you later this year about our
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HOW TO CONTACT NICOR

Nicor has **Community Relations Directors** that represent every community we serve. To get in touch with the director for your community, please contact Margi Schiemann at 630 388-2689.

For more information on Nicor's **philanthropic outreach** in your community, please contact Julian Brown at 630 388-2763.

For **State Governmental Relations**, contact Scott Lewis at 630 388-3147.

To reach our **Customer Care Center**, please call 1 888 Nicor4u.

For our **guidelines on grants and donations**, visit nicor.com and click on "Nicor in the Community."



This publication is intended as part of an ongoing dialogue between Nicor and the business and community leaders and other stakeholders whose opinions we value. Periodically, we will issue this publication to address topics that you identified as important during our most recent Nicor Community Issues and Priorities Survey.

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2008 UPDATE



HELPING CHILDREN BECOME FUTURE LEADERS

Earlier this year, we sent you a summary of Nicor's 2007 giving results, which provided information on all of our philanthropic initiatives. As you read in that publication, Nicor supports a number of worthwhile organizations and programs throughout the year, but we wanted to take this opportunity to tell you more about our focus on education and the programs we support that are enriching the lives of children throughout our service territory.

2008 Lincolnland Legend scholarship recipients.



Illinois Dollars for Scholars

Nicor Gas is proud to be a founding sponsor of Illinois Dollars for Scholars. Since 1997, Nicor Gas has established more than 130 Dollars for Scholars scholarship chapters in Illinois. In addition, Nicor Gas has granted more than \$283,500 in incentive grants to help the scholarship chapters raise funds. As a result, Nicor Gas chapters have distributed nearly \$3 million to over 3,110 students.

Most recently, Nicor was honored to support Dollars for Scholars' 3rd annual Lincolnland Legends Essay and Scholarship Contest, which awards scholarships to 12 students representing separate Congressional Districts within Illinois. Awards such as these give students the chance to advance their educational goals and improve the quality of life they experience over a lifetime. We look forward to continuing our support of this worthwhile contest into the next school year.

Energy by Design

Energy by Design is a poster contest developed by Nicor and the National Education Foundation for K-8 students attending schools within Nicor's service territory. This fun and educational contest encourages students to learn more about energy and create posters that reflect an energy conservation theme. The contest also appeals to teachers since it fulfills certain Illinois State Learning Standards and is designed to encourage total class participation.

For the 2007-2008 school year, we received 928 entries and noted a 30% increase in community participation. The winners were awarded prizes at school assemblies. Nicor is proud to work with future generations to ensure energy is used wisely for years to come.



Energy by Design grand prize winner in the K-2 grade category.

Adventures in Reading with Nicor

Launched in October 2006, Adventures in Reading with Nicor focuses on the early elementary grades, rounding out the education efforts of our philanthropic program. Adventures in Reading with Nicor is designed to foster a lifelong love of reading among children in grades K-3.

Our team of Nicor volunteers partner with the schools and Reading is Fundamental to provide free books and motivational activities, along with professional development training for teachers and special coaching sessions for parents. A superhero character, Super Reader, was developed to motivate the children to read and bring the program to life.

During the 2007-2008 school year, we gave away more than 6,000 books to students at two schools and encouraged them to read more than 33,700 books.



Students enthusiastically select a free book at an Adventures in Reading with Nicor book distribution.

At Nicor, we feel it is a privilege to be a part of your community. We live here, we work here and we will continue to do our part to be a valued corporate citizen. And, as we work to meet your community's needs, please don't hesitate to share your thoughts and opinions with us. Please use this form to ask questions, make recommendations and provide updated contact information. You may also send your feedback to us at corpcom@nicor.com.

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