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BLACK HILLS ENERGY RECEIVES DONATION FROM OLD IRON COMPANY FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE

SPENCER, Iowa, June 30, 2010 — A program to provide energy assistance to local residents has grown by \$152, thanks to a fundraiser initiated by the Old Iron Company in Spencer, Iowa. Black Hills Energy has matched \$76 in funds going to Upper Des Moines Opportunity, the state's local community action agency, to help qualified customers pay for energy-related expenses.

Old Iron Company recently organized an energy-assistance collection and raised \$76. The funds were fully matched by Black Hills *Cares* — the energy-assistance program offered by Black Hills Energy — resulting in \$152 for energy assistance. Black Hills *Cares* is an ongoing program that matches customer and employee contributions, dollar-for-dollar, to provide assistance to local Black Hills Energy natural gas customers.

“The contribution to Upper Des Moines Opportunity is a collaborative effort between the Old Iron Company and its members who are dedicated to helping others in the community,” said Brian Kretz, Black Hills Energy operations supervisor in Spencer. “On behalf of Black Hills Energy, we’re excited to play a role in this contribution and appreciate the partnership with those involved in making this collection happen.”

Old Iron Company was founded in Spencer in 1978 by six local families who enjoyed modifying and rebuilding old cars. Since then, OIC has grown to more than 25 families who are car enthusiasts and who also enjoy organizing and participating in community service events. “The funds were donated by individuals who attended our annual garage tour held in February,” said Leanne Schenk, vice president/treasurer of Old Iron Company. “This fundraiser is just one example of how our members strive to give back to the community.”

Customers interested in making donations to Black Hills *Cares* can indicate on their monthly natural gas bill the amount they want to contribute. In Iowa, Black Hills *Cares* funds are distributed by Iowa Community Action Partnership.

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