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## Energy Savings Raises \$ Funds for Schools

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Martinsville- Saving Energy paid off big for two elementary schools in the Martinsville School District when South Central Indiana REMC learned that both Green Township and Centerton Elementary had been awarded the Energy Star status for energy efficiencies performed at their schools.

SCI REMC serves both of these schools for their electricity. As a thank you for their efforts, the REMC donated 1,000 75-watt compact fluorescent (CFL) light bulbs to each school for them to sell as a fundraiser. “At \$2-\$3 for each CFL, they will raise a nice amount for their schools,” commented Kevin Sump, President and CEO of the cooperative. “Through this achievement the schools have shown environmental stewardship, as well as lowered their energy costs. This is a great lesson for the students and parents as they learn to manage energy by reducing usage.”

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The cooperative is hopeful by selling the light bulbs it will also be a way for students to learn that by replacing incandescent light bulbs with CFL's, families can save money too. CFL light bulbs use 75% less energy and last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs. An Energy Star CFL will save about \$30 over its lifetime and pay for itself in about 6 months.

Paula Sasse, Marketing Specialist with SCI REMC and Jean van Biezen, VP of Cooperative Relations delivered the CFL's to the school in late October. Both Debbie Lipps, Principal of Centerton School and Roger Cazee, Principal of Green Township schools indicated they would conduct their fundraisers through the PTO and parent nights in the near future.

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