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News Release

4-Hers Help Seniors Save on Power Bills

January 4, 2010, Monroe, NC – The Union County 4-H Club on Dec. 12 helped several senior residents of the county begin saving money on their power bills by replacing incandescent bulbs with new compact fluorescent light bulbs.

4-Hers began collecting compact fluorescent light bulbs last summer. 4-Her Lora Cretella contacted Union Power about the 4-H effort, and Union Power generously donated several cases of bulbs.

4-Hers worked with the Union County Council on Aging to identify senior residents who would allow the 4-Hers into their homes to replace their incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent light bulbs. A compact fluorescent light bulb can save a person as much as \$30 over the bulb's lifetime. Most seniors have an average of 20 light bulbs in their home. Compact fluorescent bulbs last 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs, which means these seniors will save around \$900 over the lifetime of the compact fluorescent bulbs.

After months of collecting bulbs, 4-Hers, Lora Cretella and Shawn Linnen of Waxhaw, Jordan Purser of Monroe, Caleb Crowder, Jasmine Hood, Jeral Fletcher, Scottie Hammond and Katie Allen of Wingate and William Alt of Stallings visited 10 homes and changed all the resident's light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs.

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