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**CITIZENS ENERGY GROUP TO RENOVATE INDY PARKS' FACILITY IN HONOR OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

Sharing the Dream – Employee Day of Service will Refurbish Municipal Gardens

INDIANAPOLIS – Citizens Energy Group and partnering contractors are contributing more than \$100,000 in costs and in-kind work and hundreds of employee volunteer hours to refurbish the old gym at Indy Parks' Municipal Gardens as part of a "Sharing the Dream" service project to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Municipal Gardens, located on the City's Westside, has a rich history and sense of community which Citizens Energy Group will help to restore. For years the gym served as a dance hall with many notable entertainers but was later transformed into a recreational hub for basketball and other sports. Today, Municipal Gardens offers after-school programming, recreational opportunities and arts activities. With the improvements to the old gym, Indy Parks will utilize the area for rental opportunities and social activities and continue its mission to create fun, safe, engaging and sustainable parks that enhance the quality of life for individuals, neighborhoods and communities.

"Citizens Energy Group's efforts to improve and beautify our city's parks impact the development and enhancement of our community," said Mayor Greg Ballard. "This partnership speaks volumes about the dedication of Citizens Energy Group's leadership and employees to helping us create a more livable, sustainable Indianapolis. Moreover, this investment in our parks system will honor the neighborhood's heritage while paying tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy."

Citizens Energy Group is providing contractors and volunteers to paint the walls, entryway and stairwell, install lighting, refurbish the gym floor, renovate the kitchen with new cabinets and appliances, install carpet tiles and clean the entire area. Partnering industrial contractor Marksmen Construction Services and engineering and architecture firm Musset, Nicholas and Associates will provide additional services; while Mitsch Design will assist with color and fabric selections.



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“Over the past three years, Citizens Energy Group has been privileged to foster a relationship with Indy Parks that further reinforces our commitment to enhance the quality of life in our community,” said Carey Lykins, president and CEO of Citizens Energy Group. “We are both proud and appreciative of our employee volunteers who so generously pledge their time and energy to make a difference for Indy Parks and our city’s residents.”

The upcoming Sharing the Dream event marks Citizens Energy Group’s third such project with Indy Parks and the Indianapolis Parks Foundation whose mission is to enhance the recreational, educational and cultural life of the Indianapolis community by fostering support and private funding. Citizens Energy Group has contributed more than \$300,000 for improvements to Brookside Park Family Center, Martin Luther King Park’s pool bathhouse and Pride Park Community Center.

Volunteers will roll up their sleeves for the “Sharing the Dream” day of service on January 14, 2011, and celebrate Dr. King’s birthday on January 17 with an open house at the refurbished Municipal Gardens.

Follow the progress and learn more about Municipal Garden’s history on our Facebook page and at www.indyparks.org.

