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Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power receives national award for community service

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 8, 2020 — Crawfordsville Electric Light & Power in Crawfordsville, Indiana, received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during the American Public Power Association's Public Power Connect: Virtual Summit & Business Meeting. The award recognizes "good neighbor" activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

Crawfordsville Electric Light and Power (CEL&P) prides itself as not just powering its community but also serving as a true community partner. The utility shows every day that it is dedicated to serving its customers beyond power supply. CEL&P makes it a point to begin educating children early on electric safety. The utility has its own electric demonstration kit and travels to local schools to provide demonstrations to children. CEL&P sponsors and attends several community events to support Crawfordsville's business community and its residents. This year is CEL&P's 130 year anniversary, and the utility is planning several events each month through 2020 to bring awareness to public power and celebrate with its customers. Events planned include a coloring contest, a "Fill the Bucket (Truck)" food drive, tree giveaways for Earth Day, movies in the park, open houses, solar park tours, lunch on the plaza, a community clean-up day, and a school supply drive. CEL&P doesn't just provide a service to the community; they are part of the community, integrally woven throughout the places, events, and memories.

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