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Lincoln Electric System receives national award for community service

Nashville, Tennessee, June 14, 2022 — Lincoln Electric System in Lincoln, Nebraska, received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during the American Public Power Association's National Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The award recognizes "good neighbor" activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

Lincoln Electric System (LES) responds to its community's evolving needs and builds programs and events to engage with and better serve customers. LES facilitates a community-centric culture for employees and encourages them to volunteer to help make a difference. LES' EV Ride + Drive event educates customers on rising trends in electric vehicles. Eventgoers have opportunities to take EVs for a spin and learn about purchasing and owning an EV from local dealers.

LES approached the Lincoln Children's Zoo with a proposal to launch a new holiday event for the community – Zoo Lights Powered by LES. The event is one of the largest light shows in the Midwest and serves the community as an opportunity to learn about electricity, energy efficiency, and LES programs through engagement with LES volunteers. LES staff also volunteer time each year, helping with community events such as the United Way's Season of Service, a Day of Action, and a Day of Giving. In addition, this year marks the 20th anniversary of LES's collaboration with the Community Action Partnership of Lancaster and Saunders Counties to administer funds as part of LES's Energy Assistance Program.

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