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Brookfield Renewable Donates \$10,000 To Lead-Free MV

UTICA, NY – Brookfield Renewable and The Community Foundation of Herkimer & Oneida Counties have recently partnered to make an impact in the community that will help to prevent and address lead poisoning in Herkimer and Oneida counties.

The \$10,000 investment from Brookfield Renewable to The Community Foundation supports the Lead-Free MV initiative aimed at addressing childhood lead poisoning on a local level. Oneida County has consistently had one of the highest rates of children with elevated blood lead levels in the state, with rates nearly six times the New York State average. In neighboring Herkimer County, rates also are problematic, with numbers approximately double the state average.

Brookfield Renewable's VP of Atlantic Operations, Thomas Uncher said, "Lead poisoning can have crippling effects on children, with symptoms such as learning difficulties, developmental delays, irritability and fatigue. The Community Foundation has taken the lead on addressing this profound problem in Oneida and Herkimer counties, and Brookfield Renewable is proud to contribute to assist in their efforts to eradicate lead poisoning once and for all in the region."

"Partners like Brookfield Renewable make it possible for Lead-Free MV to implement and support programs that expand testing and community awareness, as well as housing remediation," said Alicia Dicks, president/CEO of The Community Foundation.

Brookfield Renewable Partners

Brookfield Renewable Partners operates one of the world's largest publicly traded, pure-play renewable power platforms. Its portfolio consists of hydroelectric and wind facilities in North America, Latin America and Europe and totals more than 10,000 megawatts of installed capacity. Brookfield Renewable is listed on the New York and Toronto stock exchanges. Further information is available at www.brookfieldrenewable.com.

Locally, Brookfield owns and operates hydroelectric facilities at Trenton Falls, Prospect, Beardslee and Inghams Mills (Little Falls).

The Community Foundation

Since 1952, The Foundation has invested more than \$65 million in Oneida and Herkimer counties. The Foundation partners with various local organizations to make impactful investments in core areas of need, including economic development, education, health, and arts and culture. For information about The Foundation, visit www.foundationhoc.org or call 315-735-8212.