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SPA DELIVERS BRIGHT IDEA

School teams up with Green Light New Orleans

New Orleans, LA –Tomorrow, student volunteers with Success Preparatory Academy (SPA) will serve in the homes of fellow students in the community. They have partnered with Green Light New Orleans in an effort to extend their energy conservation initiative beyond the school and into their homes. With the help of the SPA students, SPA Staff, their 21st Century after-school program and volunteers, the school will change light bulbs in the homes of area SPA families.

Since March, new energy conservation efforts have been made at Success Preparatory Academy. In the pilot classroom, 2nd grade students have learned about energy, electricity, and how to take action to protect the environment from Green Light New Orleans and their Americorps team. The students then presented a chant on the environment to their peers at Friday's "Town Hall," the weekly celebration at Success Preparatory Academy. "The students were so enthusiastic and loved every minute of it," reports 2nd grade teacher Noeleen Hay. In March, a group of Gates Millennium Scholars came with Green Light New Orleans into SPA and showed the students how to install energy efficient light bulbs. With the help of the scholars, students replaced the energy *inefficient* bulbs in the cafeteria and in six rooms on the second floor!

"We are so happy that this initiative has been able to travel outside of the school and into our students' homes. They have demonstrated an understanding and appreciation for the impact their energy conservation efforts have made, and we are very excited to share the benefits with families in our school. We are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Green Light and bring these lessons home while modeling our school value of service," explains Brittany Baize, Director of Finance & Operations for SPA.

Green Light New Orleans is a local non-profit that sends volunteers into residencies throughout the community and replaces incandescent bulbs with energy efficient compact fluorescent bulbs for free. This switch not only reduces carbon emissions that contribute to climate change but also reduces utility costs of the residents. On average, residents save \$45 over the lifetime of each light bulb replaced.