**Lego builds community event**

During President's Day Weekend, hundreds of children and parents enjoyed LEGO building fun at the Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe in Incline Village. After hitting the slopes in the morning, Hyatt guests and local families had the opportunity to exercise their creative energy using nearly a quarter-million green LEGO bricks. From an intricate train engine and massive fortress to 4-foot towers and a detailed scorpion, participants showed that it only takes a few bricks to make something CLICK. LEGO CLICK recognizes and celebrates that exciting light bulb moment when a great idea just comes out of nowhere. For more information and events happening around the country, visit LEGO CLICK on Facebook at www.facebook.com/legoclick.

**Tahoe Truckee Unified School District earns rebates of more than $100,000**

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TAHOE/TRUCKEE — Amid budgetary challenges, a bright spot emerges from the Tahoe Truckee Unified School District (TTUSD) facilities department. Through its energy conservation program, the department has been able to save $501,000 from its baseline over the last two years. Additionally, sizable rebates from both NV Energy and the Truckee Donner Public Utilities District (TDPUD) has allowed TTUSD to continue helping the bottom line.

Donor Public Utilities District — totaling more than $100,000 this year alone — continue to help the bottom line.

**Presentation at upcoming board meeting**

Klovstad will present information on the school district’s energy program at the March 16, TTUSD board meeting. With an additional $60,000 in savings projected for the 2010-2011 fiscal year, Klovstad predicts this will be the best year yet. Additionally, because TTUSD reduced its demand for electricity, it became eligible for rebates from NV Energy and the Truckee Donner Public Utilities District (TDPUD). Last year, those rebates totaled approximately $19,000. This year, that sum is just more than $100,000.

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