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Dairyland Power Donates \$10,000 to La Crosse Community Theatre

LA CROSSE, WI— Dairyland Power Cooperative has donated a total of \$10,000 to the La Crosse Community Theatre in support of the newly developed Weber Center for the Performing Arts, located in downtown La Crosse on the Mississippi River waterfront.

Dairyland Power contributed \$5,000, which was then matched in full by CoBank, a national cooperative bank, through CoBank's *Sharing Success* program.

The Weber Center for the Performing Arts is opening this month, with a debut performance of *Macbeth*. The La Crosse Community Theatre and Viterbo University collaborated on the center, which will greatly augment the region's arts and theatre opportunities. The center will utilize state-of-the-art sound and lighting, a main theatre and secondary "Black Box" performance area, orchestra pit, expansive lobby and rooftop terrace for the full theatre experience.

Dairyland CFO Phil Moilien and Vice President, External and Member Relations, Brian Rude recently presented the check to David Kilpatrick, Executive Director of the La Crosse Community Theatre and the new Weber Center for the Performing Arts. "An important part of Dairyland's mission as a cooperative business is to enhance the social and economic well being of the region. A contribution to the Weber Center is a wonderful match for this mission. Along with the rest of the community, we are excited to visit and enjoy the new facility," said Rude.

With headquarters in La Crosse, Wis., Dairyland provides wholesale electricity to 25 member distribution cooperatives and 16 municipal utilities. A Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Dairyland's service area encompasses 62 counties in four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois). Dairyland's generation resources include coal, natural gas, hydro, wind, solar, landfill gas and animal waste. For more information, please visit www.dairynet.com.

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