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AEP DONATES \$10,000 TO BOLSTER HELP ME GROW, CAR SEAT PROGRAMS

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AEP Ohio Community Affairs Manager Tim Wells, second from left, presents a \$10,000 check to Friends for Life Fund Chairman David Carroll over a child's car safety seat. At left is Delaware Health Commissioner Frances M. Veverka, and at right is Delaware General Health District Development Officer Linda Diamond.

DELAWARE, Oh., December 27, 2011 – Children in possible need of specialized developmental assistance will benefit from a major American Electric Power donation to the Delaware General Health District's Friends for Life Fund.

AEP has donated \$10,000 to the Friends for Life Fund to provide child safety seats, health care assessments, and educational materials for children in the Health District's Help Me Grow early childhood development program.

AEP's donation is the largest single gift ever presented to the Friends for Life Fund.

"This contribution was made possible the AEP Ohio's 'Partnership With Ohio' fund. Through this fund we have been able to assist customers in need during these tough economic times in many ways. We trust this contribution to Friends for Life will ensure that Delaware area families that are faced with difficult choices will not have to compromise their children's safety, health, or development," said Tim Wells, AEP Ohio Community Affairs Manager.

The Friends for Life Fund is a 501(c)3 organization that shares and supplements the work of the Delaware General Health District. It supports purchases of car seats, helmets, educational supplies, and items for WIC clients. In addition, it supplements handwashing programs in schools and food safety education. Additional information is available online at <http://www.friendsforlifefund.org>.