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## **Community Leaders to be Honored at NIPSCO's Luminary Award Celebration**

**WHAT:** The sixth annual NIPSCO Luminary Awards will be presented to six northern Indiana community leaders Thursday at a reception at the company's Merrillville headquarters. In addition, NIPSCO will celebrate the completion of its 2017 Charity of Choice campaign, a company-wide fundraising initiative, with a check presentation to local veterans groups.

### **Luminary Awards**

Introduced in 2012, in celebration of the utility's 100-year anniversary, the Luminary Awards were created to honor leaders and organizations for their outstanding commitment to strengthening local communities.

These individuals or groups have demonstrated outstanding commitment in these key areas: Community Leadership, Education, Public Safety, Environmental Stewardship and Economic Development. NIPSCO will make a \$1,000 contribution to each award winner's charity of choice.

This year's award winners are:

- **Community Leadership:** Senator Earline Rogers and Senator Jim Arnold
- **Education:** Geof Benson, Dunes Learning Center
- **Public Safety:** Northwest Indiana Information Security Sharing Alliance (NISSA)
- **Environmental Stewardship:** ACRES Land Trust
- **Economic Development:** Bill Hanna, Regional Development Authority (RDA)

**WHEN:** **Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017**  
**5 p.m. CT: Doors open**  
**6-6:50 p.m. CT: Welcome and Luminary Awards**

**WHERE:** **NIPSCO Headquarters**  
**801 E. 86<sup>th</sup> Ave.**  
**Merrillville, IN 46410**

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Luminary Award ceremony; Interviews with award winners, NIPSCO representatives; 200 attendees

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