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In September of 2010, Raue Center For The Arts entered into a yearlong partnership with Commonwealth Edison Company (ComEd). ComEd invests in organizations that support education, the environment, arts and culture, and neighborhood development programs, which is why the funds will be allocated to Raue Center's Mission Imagination educational outreach program and FOCUS 2011, slated for July 2011. Mission Imagination inspires children to explore the performing arts through residencies, student workshops, teacher development and in-theatre performances. FOCUS 2001 showcases the talents of our community's youth by "empowering today's youth and diggin' into their future."

The ComEd partnership included a \$15,000 grant as well as provided Raue Center an energy audit in February of 2011. The results of the audit were impressive and helped Raue Center focus on energy savings. The ComEd representative that performed the audit stated that Raue Center has the best use of energy out of any theatre they have seen, and overall, is performing better than ComEd itself!

As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Raue Center is always striving to be fiscally responsible while providing the community with quality, affordable programming. They are excited to partner with ComEd and look forward to "powering the minds" of children in the area. ComEd is one of a handful of community-minded statewide business that are not only passionate about their customers and communities but also the future generations which will power this great nation.