

The Big Mitten & Michigan State Fair and Festival



The festival is a cause driven event motivated by the organizers desire to help expose young people and the community to the opportunities available in the skilled trades.

What would the nation's future look like with a significantly more energy educated public? The answer is that students and the general public, if provided with balanced and scientific information, would support wise energy policies and be wise in their own personal energy use. In 2009, [NREE](#) launched a ten year effort to prompt business, government, and the education community at all levels, to join together to establish programs which support ongoing and comprehensive energy education programming in the nation's schools and communities; to

encourage and assist businesses, professional and trade associations, and other organizations to develop balanced and

comprehensive programs that will help primary and secondary school educators meet the energy education components of

state and national education standards. Leading that cause was Jerry Katz, Mr. Energy, who presents programs around the country. services annually for programs for students, training teachers and educating the public on energy concerns.



When we were contacted by The Learning Fair and the organizers of The Big Mitten, we knew who we needed to support our recruiting efforts, Jerry Katz. He worked with our volunteers discussing the trade and performing different science projects related to our trade. At times there were twenty to thirty people in a circle around the tent at any time. The PMC was joined in our efforts by Michigan NECA. Volunteers included Tom Lavendar, Derek Dagleish, Randall Whitaker, Sandra Miller, along with MI NECA representatives Mike and Margret Crawford. The Crawford's assistance was crucial to the success of the project.

For a first time effort, we were happy with the results

Particularly with the comments regarding Mr. Energy—Jerry Katz.

