

“As a non-profit funded by donations, it’s important that we spend every penny very wisely. Thanks to United Power for providing rebates that helped us to off-set the cost of our recent energy efficiency upgrades. Now we can spend less of our donations on our energy bills and more of it on the kids.”

Linda Brown, Executive Director
Eagles’ Nest



Eagle’s Nest Early Learning Center
Black Hawk, Colorado

Project Team

Left to Right: Elvira Stewart, Grants and Finance Coordinator, Radiance Corporation; Steve Forrester, P.E., DMA Engineering; Linda Brown, Executive Director, Eagle’s Nest Early Learning Center; James Richmond, President, Radiance Corporation

Renewable Energy Opportunities

Sol Partners® Cooperative Solar Farm

Sol Partners is a unique, truly cooperative program for United Power members interested in investing in solar power. Sol Partners allows you to lease solar panels located on United Power’s property and the energy generated by your panels is credited to your electric bill. United Power maintains the solar farm and members only pay for the cost of their panels.

The program is ideal for members whose facilities are not properly oriented for solar panels, those who lease their facilities, or small businesses who want to do something for the environment that doesn’t require a large initial investment. The program may also help businesses meet city mandated renewable energy requirements.

Renewable Energy Incentives

Solar incentives were added in 2008 to United Power’s New Energy Portfolio. In partnership with the Governor’s Energy Office, incentives for solar electric and solar hot water systems are available to homeowners and small businesses in United Power’s service territory.

In 2010, United Power added incentives for small wind installations. Rebates from United Power and the Governor’s Energy Office are available to residential and small commercial accounts.

Interconnection & Net Metering

For over 30 years, United Power has offered members who invest in renewable energy systems the option of tying into the grid and being compensated for the energy they generate. Safety is always a top priority, so please consult with a United Power representative when considering this option.

Green Power Partners

Offset your energy use with clean, renewable electric power through United Power’s Green Power Partners program. Every dollar invested in this program goes toward the purchase of new, renewable electric power production, such as wind, solar, and biomass and also helps to fund research and development of emerging renewable technologies. Show off your environmental commitment to your customers with Green Power Partners window clings and web graphics provided by United Power.

Eagles’ Nest Early Learning Center

Eagle’s Nest is a non-profit childcare center serving families in Gilpin County. Their programs encourage active learning for approximately 55 children each day ranging from 8 weeks to 6 years of age. Eagle’s Nest staff has the expertise to run a top-notch facility, but what they didn’t have was enough space or hot water.

Five years ago, the organization started saving and planning for an addition that would allow them to expand, and run the laundry and the dishwasher simultaneously. When the board of directors decided it was time to build, they sought out local energy expert Radiance Renewable Energy Systems to make sure their new energy bills didn’t break the bank.

Radiance helped Eagle’s Nest secure financing for their energy upgrades, which included cash rebates from United Power on a solar hot water system installed by Custom Solar and a geothermal heat pump system. Eagle’s Nest also plans to take advantage of United Power rebates on solar photovoltaic panels, electric water heaters and commercial lighting upgrades in 2010.