



People's Energy Cooperative

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People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$26,513 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, November 4, 2016 — People's Energy Cooperative's Operation Round Up® Trust Board has provided \$26,513 in grants to the following area organizations:

- \$1,000: Minnesota Children's Museum Rochester for Family Nights program
- \$1,800: Rochester Public Radio for radio data system upgrade
- \$1,000: Rochester Community and Technical College's Learning is ForEver (LIFE) Program for "A Cultural Virtual Tour of Minnesota Museums"
- \$4,000: Stewartville Area Historical Society for a new roof for the Sears home
- \$1,500: Family Service Rochester for Neighbors Helping Neighbors program
- \$800: Exercisabilities, Inc. for aquatic therapy pool rental
- \$750: PossAbilities of Southern Minnesota, Inc. for participant socialization/education program
- \$1,000: Stewartville Early Childhood Education for PreK SMART training and enhancement
- \$2,000: Plainview Area History Center for an insulation and wiring project
- \$670: Rochester Area Family YMCA for Leaders in Training program
- \$1,000: Wabasha-Kellogg Public Schools for Skating Toward Fitness program
- \$1,800: Rochester Area Habitat for Humanity for ReStore upgrades
- \$2,500: Stewartville Band Boosters for marching band uniforms
- \$1,693: Sports Mentorship Academy/Children of Destiny for Playground All-Stars program
- \$1,000: JOY (Justice and Opportunity for Youth) for after-school programming
- \$3,000: Seasons Hospice for new furnishings for Center for Grief Education and Support
- \$1,000: Bundles of Love for newborn kit supplies

The People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® fund started in 2002 and has granted a total of \$87,377.92 in 2016 to a variety of charitable, educational, community and youth-related programs and events.

The program is funded by donations made by members of People's Energy Cooperative who voluntarily have their monthly electric bill rounded up to the nearest dollar. Approximately 17,000 members currently participate with the average donation of \$6.00 a year per member, demonstrating that small change can make a big difference.

Applications for funding are considered on a quarterly basis. The funds are held separately from the People's Energy Cooperative operating accounts and are administered through the Board of Trustees comprised of seven People's Energy Cooperative member volunteers.

To be considered for first quarter grants in 2017, applications must be submitted no later than December 20, 2016. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at www.peoplesenergy.coop or by calling the Cooperative at (507) 367-7015 or (800) 214-2694.

About People's Energy Cooperative

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating nearly 80 years of delivering retail electric power to its nearly 18,800 member-owners in Olmsted, Dodge, Fillmore, Mower, Wabasha and Winona Counties. People's Energy Cooperative is a Touchstone Energy® cooperative and a member-owner in the Dairyland Power system of electric cooperatives that generates and transmits reliable electric power in 62 counties of four states (Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Illinois).

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