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People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants $24,328 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, February 9, 2018 — People's Energy Cooperative's Operation Round Up® Trust Board has provided $24,328 in grants to the following area organizations:

- $2,344 – Plainview Elgin Area Food Shelf for new LED lighting
- $1,300 – Camp Victory in Zumbro Falls for a new Archery Tag game
- $518.85 – Plainview Area Community & Youth Center, Inc. for a new electric range and new kitchen floor mats
- $2,000 – Dodge Center Foundation for the North Park project
- $3,000 – Quarry Hill Nature Center in Rochester for capital improvements
- $1,500 – 125 LIVE in Rochester to purchase an AED
- $500 – Van Horn Public Library in Pine Island to assist in installing a handicap accessible door
- $1,000 – Bell of Honor to assist in replacing their trailer graphic
- $900 – WellConnect SE Minnesota Partnership to assist in purchasing display items for their evidence-based fall prevention program
- $1,500 – Society of Saint Vincent DePaul in Rochester to support their utility shutoff avoidance program
- $900 – Ability Building Center in Rochester for a camera purchase in support of their training programs
- $1,248.75 – Stewartville Early Childhood Family Education for ECFE welcome packets
- $1,485 – Choral Arts Ensemble in Rochester for the Singing for Life High School Choral Festival
- $750 – Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging in Rochester for emergency response preparedness training
- $750 – Resounding Voices in support of the Resounding Voices Chorus
- $746.70 – Friedell Middle School in Rochester in support of the purchase of a 3D printer

- $458 – Stewartville Middle School in support of laptop purchases for their 3D printer lab and Lego robotic classroom
- $180 – Kasson-Mantorville Community Education for bookcase purchases for their Community Ed Creative Cozy Corner
- $1,000 – Bundles of Love Charity for supply purchases for their Bundles of Love program
- $1,000 – Ronald McDonald House in support of their Angels of Inspiration program
- $746.70 – Resurrection Lutheran School and Preschool for early childhood technology purchases
- $500 – St. Charles Elementary School in support of their Drawing Deepens Our Understanding of the World Around Us program

The People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® fund started in 2002 and granted a total of $108,843.58 in 2017 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 second quarter grants in 2018, applications must be submitted no later than March 20, 2017. 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 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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