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People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$24,459 to local organizations

ORONOCO, **MN**, **May 14**, **2020** — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$24,459 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- \$3,000 Bulldog Youth Baseball for the purchase of a ball field drag/groomer (Plainview)
- \$3,000 Chatfield Youth Sports Association in support of the Mill Creek Youth Baseball Dugout Project
- \$2,639 Creation Kids Preschool for the purchase of billing software (Kasson)
- \$1,000 Damascus Way to assist their support groups and supportive group services (Rochester)
- \$1,500 Exercisabilities in support of their social skills summer camps (Rochester)
- \$1,000 Family Promise Rochester in support of their life skills programming (Rochester)
- \$1,329 Lake City Public Schools for the purchase of TI-84 graphing calculators
- \$2,042.34 Olmsted County History Center in support of the history exhibit on Women and the Vote (Rochester)
- \$1,000 Pine Island Community Education for the Orbit Earth Expo: In-School Astronomy Experience
- \$1,000 RideAbility for the purchase of special large horse tack (Pine Island)
- \$2,000 Spark Place of Play in support of STEM Education Programs (Rochester)
- \$1,500 St. Charles Community Education in support of Music in our Community
- \$500 St. Charles Robotics Team for the purchase of robotic equipment
- \$948.66 Stewartville Community Education to help purchase materials for the Early Childhood "Calming Corner"
- \$2,000 Wanamingo VFW in support of the Wanamingo Veterans Memorial Phase II project

The People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® fund started in 2002 and grants funds 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 third quarter grants in 2020, applications must be submitted no later than June 20, 2020. Program guidelines and applications for Operation Round Up® donations are available at www.peoplesenergy.coop or by calling the Cooperative at (507) 367-7054 or (800) 214-2694.

About People's Energy Cooperative

People's Energy Cooperative is a member-owned electric cooperative celebrating over 80 years of delivering retail electric power to its over 19,000 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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