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People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$25,373 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, November 5, 2018 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$25,373 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- \$500 Center 4 Active Adults in Stewartville to assist in funding chair yoga and a new industrial coffee maker
- \$3,500 Chatfield Ambulance to assist in purchasing new pagers
- \$1,350 Family Promise Rochester to assist in the purchase of new cots
- \$6,144 Grand Meadow Fire Department to assist in the purchase of new skid units
- \$1,700 Great River Homes, Inc. in Wabasha to assist in the purchase of a television, HDMI cable, and sound bar
- \$600 Homeless Community Network in Rochester to assist in the purchase of shoes to use at Project Community Connect
- \$700 Kasson-Mantorville Community Education for the showing of "Screenagers"
- \$1,000 Kindred Family Focus in Rochester to support Kindred CARES for Foster Families
- \$500 Mount Hope Cemetery in Kalmar to support cemetery restoration
- \$700 Oronoco Fire Department to assist in the purchase of lightweight masks
- \$1,500 Oxbow Park and Zollman Zoo in Byron to assist in the purchase of a new storage freezer and refrigerator
- \$1,500 Plainview Community Theater to assist in the purchase of new stage lighting purchases
- \$1,900 Schaeffer Academy Lion's Roar Booster Club of Rochester to assist in the purchase of soccer goals
- \$750 Share Christmas, Inc. of Hayfield to assist in the purchase of Christmas gifts for families in need
- \$1,200 St. Felix Catholic School in Wabasha to assist in a faucet upgrade project
- \$829 Wee Care Learning Center in Plainview to assist in the purchase of new playground equipment
- \$1,000 Wells Peterson Post #0384 in Dodge Center to assist in new parking lot pavement

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 first quarter grants in 2019, applications must be submitted no later than December 20, 2018. 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 over 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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