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People's Energy Cooperative Trust - Operation Round Up® grants \$24,691 to local organizations

ORONOCO, MN, July 27, 2020 — People's Energy Cooperative Operation Round Up® Trust Board provided \$24,691 in grants this quarter to the following area organizations:

- \$4,000 American Cancer Society in support of Rochester Hope Lodge
- \$4,000 Childhood Cancer Community (Rochester) in support of Diagnosis Duffels
- \$2,000 Family Service Rochester in support of a senior dining initiative
- **\$1,000** Hiawatha Homes Foundation (Rochester) in support of the *Hunker Down at HH* initiative
- \$2,600 Kasson-Mantorville Community Education in support of Project Beginnings
- \$2,000 KM Youth Fishing Team (Kasson) in support of youth open water and ice fishing
- \$4,041 Next Chapter Ministries (Rochester) in support of the development of a children's playroom
- **\$2,590** Pine Haven Foundation (Pine Island) in support of the development of a fingerprint collection site
- \$250 Rochester Sports Foundation in support of sports facility assessments
- \$2,000 Sunrisers Kiwanis Club of Rochester to help develop a reading oasis at Jeremiah Program's facility
- \$210 Walking Lake Pepin / Destination Lake City in support of the Walking Lake Pepin 2020 Fitness Challenge

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 fourth quarter grants in 2020, applications must be submitted no later than September 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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