

Thank You

FOR SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY



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I want to support
the People Fund!
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2016 Tri-County Electric People Fund
Annual Report

Making a Difference
With Your Spare Change

Who Does The People Fund Help?

Grants Made to Families

60.2%
Housing Expenses

31.5%
Medical & Dental

3.3%
Special Needs

3.0%
Transportation

2.0%
Funeral Expenses

Grants Made To Organizations:

21.9%
Emergency Assistance

17.1%
Community & Public Services

16.2%
Youth Programs

15.9%
Food Banks

9.2%
Housing Assistance

5.8%
Family Services

4.4%
Medical, Dental & Hospice

3.9%
Other Special Needs

3.2%
Programs for Seniors

2.4%
Assistance for Disabled

A few of the thank-yous sent to the People Fund in 2016:



Mecosta County Commission on Aging & Senior Center
12954 80th Avenue Mecosta, MI 49332 P: (231) 972-2884 F: (231) 972-4735
www.co.mecosta.mi.us/coa.asp Email: mecoasc@mecocoasc.org

Dear Board,

I would like to thank the board for the grant award of \$1,000. This will assist us with the repair of the parking lot and the walking path. We aim to provide a place that is well kept and safe for visitors so we are grateful for funders like the Tri-County Electric People Fund. We believe in all you do for surrounding communities like ours.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Mallory, Director
Mecosta County COA

Montabella Ministerial Association
833 S. First Street
Edmore, MI. 48829

On behalf of the Montabella Ministerial Association I would like to personally say thank you for the \$1,000.00 grant money.

Our food bank has been overflowing with people and trying to keep food on hand has become a challenge. This \$1,000.00 will make a big difference in keeping people fed.

Sincerely,

Dear
Tri-County Electric People Fund Board

I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for helping my sister-in-law & myself with our propane & electric bills. What a Blessing & a wonderful surprise - a relief. I have never dealt with any other utility company who was willing to help people as such. The people fund - is such a wonderful program for help. I know now that my sister-in-law can be warm & provided for & myself also. This helps makes our new house - a home with warmth & power, & takes alot of stress off of us - me to be able to pay bills & make repairs if needed.

The Men that came and set the tank in our yard were very wonderful & helpful. They showed me how to work the gas & read the meter - every thing. They replaced things that were wrong & made sure we were safe. For two women alone, and me knowing not much about these things - this was so very wonderful.

To see my sister smile and be happy to be warm & safe and to know I am also - has been wonderful. Our holiday of thanksgiving will be just that - very thankful.

Again, I thank everyone very much. Very very much. I thank everyone for my sister also. I thank the lord also, because the People Fund is a true Blessing.

Happy Thanksgiving to all & everyone involved.

Your Tri-County Electric People Fund Board of Directors

District 1 • Richard Palermo, Chair
Eaton, Ingham, Jackson counties

District 2 • Jerry Supina, Secretary
Barry and Ionia counties

District 3 • Peg Brown
Most of Clinton County

District 4 • Lisa Johnson
Most of Montcalm County

District 5 • Peggy Pirhonen, Vice-Chair
Gratiot and Saginaw counties,

plus parts of Clinton and
Montcalm counties

District 6 • Richard Donley
Clare and Isabella counties

District 7 • Jerrilynn Strong
Mecosta and Osceola counties



Statement Of Activities

UNAUDITED - for the 12 months ending 12/31/2016

Revenue

Round-Up Contributions	\$ 62,789.89
Tri-County Contribution	\$ 17,599.68
Other Contributions	\$ 2,019.42
Interest Income	\$ 185.44
Total Revenue	\$ 82,594.43

Expenses

Grants Paid in 2015	\$ 73,666.18
Program Expenses (paid by TCEC)	\$ 17,599.68
Total Expenses	\$ 91,265.86

Change in Net Assets	\$ (8,671.43)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year (as of 1/1/16)	\$ 127,898.64
Net Assets, End of Year (as of 12/31/16)	\$ 119,227.21

Notes:

1. The 2016 financial statements have not been audited as of this printing. However, the Tri-County Electric People Fund's books are audited annually by a certified public accounting firm, EideBailly, L.L.P., of Fargo, ND.
2. Program expenses include copying, postage, mileage and meal expenses for the volunteer directors, as well as audit, insurance and other fees required for operation.

Grants Made January 1993–December 2016

District	Families		Organizations		Total	
	Grants	Total \$	Grants	Total \$	Grants	Total \$
1	31	\$ 41,439.01	233	\$ 409,356.13	264	\$ 450,795.14
2	56	\$ 72,584.87	144	\$ 174,990.08	200	\$ 247,574.95
3	13	\$ 15,896.59	61	\$ 85,502.91	74	\$ 101,399.50
4	177	\$ 210,834.33	134	\$ 178,089.09	311	\$ 388,923.42
5	22	\$ 39,713.88	32	\$ 46,976.02	54	\$ 86,689.90
6	109	\$ 124,111.51	93	\$ 164,006.06	202	\$ 288,117.57
7	181	\$ 229,465.80	138	\$ 302,953.75	319	\$ 532,419.55
Other			2	\$ 6,000.00	2	\$ 6,000.00
Total	589	\$ 734,045.99	837	\$ 1,367,874.04	1,426	\$ 2,101,920.03

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You can support the HomeWorks Tri-County Electric People Fund by having your monthly electric bills rounded up to the next dollar. This only costs an average of \$6 per year, but makes a MAJOR difference in the lives of people in your community.

PLEASE NOTE: *If your energy bill comes to an even dollar amount every month, you're already opted in. Thank you for your support of the People Fund.*

You may opt in or out of this **voluntary** program at any time by enclosing a note with your bill payment or by calling HomeWorks at 1-877-466-3957, option 1.

Please consider our Opt Up program, in which you designate a specific amount to contribute each month through a line item on your energy bill. Call us at 1-877-466-3957, option 1, to let us know you'd like to Opt Up, and your designated amount.



2016 Grants Approved By The People Fund

Grant Recipient	How The Funds Are Used	Amount
Clare County family	Housing & medical expenses	\$ 671.66
2 Eaton County families	Medical bills, wheelchair lift	\$ 4,482.00
5 Ingham County families	Housing expenses & medical bills	\$ 7,653.65
6 Ionia County families	Housing, medical, dental expenses	\$ 8,119.36
2 Isabella County families	Medical bills, glasses	\$ 1,751.86
5 Mecosta County families	Housing expenses, roof & plumbing repairs	\$ 7,403.31
9 Montcalm County families	Housing, medical, vehicle expenses	\$ 10,913.50
Adult Handicap Program	Summer handicap bowling program	\$ 250.00
Ashley Fire Department	Protective fire clothing/gear	\$ 1,000.00
Barryton Area Mobile Food Pantry	Food truck deliveries	\$ 1,650.00
CASA Voice for Clinton County's Children	Child abuse prevention program	\$ 2,500.00
Community Christian Action Group	Food pantry items	\$ 1,000.00
EightCAP Greenville Optimist Camp	Camp expenses for children	\$ 2,500.00
Enrich of Ionia County	Job training for young adults	\$ 500.00
First Congregational Church, Portland	Community Meals Program	\$ 500.00
Gratiot-Isabella RESD	Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program	\$ 1,040.00
Helping Hands of Eaton County	Personal care items	\$ 1,250.00
Hope's Pantry, Stanton	Food pantry items	\$ 1,000.00
Ionia County YMCA	Water safety equipment	\$ 1,500.00
Lakeview Ministerial Assoc	Food pantry items	\$ 1,000.00
M-46 Tabernacle Food Pantry	Food pantry items	\$ 1,000.00
Montcalm County CASA	Laptops & software	\$ 2,200.00
Montcalm County Great Start	Dolly Parton Imagination Library	\$ 1,000.00
New Beginnings Church	Backpack project supplies	\$ 500.00
Nottawa Sherman Fire Dept.	Emergency pagers	\$ 895.50
Portland Area Fire Authority	Thermal imaging camera	\$ 2,000.00
Positive Solutions Informed Choices	Infant car seats	\$ 467.40
Project Starburst, Big Rapids (2 grants)	New freezer, food truck deliveries	\$ 2,080.00
Richland Township Library	Library books	\$ 1,000.00
St. Mary's Society SVPD, Charlotte (2 grants)	Rent Assistance Program	\$ 3,500.00
Sunfield Historical Society - Welch Museum	Roof repairs	\$ 1,500.00
Tri-County Office on Aging	Meals on Wheels food	\$ 1,000.00