



# 2023

ANNUAL REPORT

Tri-County Electric People Fund

*Thank  
You!*

# Making a Difference with Your Spare Change...

## Tri-County Electric People Fund Board of Directors



**CHAIRMAN**

**JERRY SUPINA - District 2**

**Counties Served:**  
Barry & Ionia



**VICE-CHAIR**

**RICHARD DONLEY - District 6**

**Counties Served:**  
Clare & Isabella



**SECRETARY**

**LISA JOHNSON - District 4**

**Counties Served:**  
Most of Montcalm



**TONY PIPER - District 1**

**Counties Served:**  
Eaton, Ingham, & Jackson



**PEG BROWN - District 3**

**Counties Served:**  
Most of Clinton



**KEVIN SOPOTY - District 5**

**Counties Served:**  
Gratiot & Saginaw; parts of  
Clinton & Montcalm



**JERILYNN STRONG - District 7**

**Counties Served:**  
Mecosta & Osceola

## People Fund Grants Approved January 1993–December 2023

District	Families		Organizations		Total	
	Grants	Total \$	Grants	Total \$	Grants	Total \$
1	46	\$63,126.41	277	\$501,074.00	323	\$564,200.41
2	68	\$91,104.48	178	\$232,017.89	246	\$323,122.37
3	17	\$21,623.34	77	\$111,802.91	94	\$133,426.25
4	218	\$239,826.90	148	\$258,903.24	366	\$498,730.14
5	25	\$43,997.82	44	\$68,686.70	69	\$112,684.52
6	142	\$203,960.63	108	\$179,006.06	250	\$382,966.69
7	216	\$274,339.33	178	\$375,020.13	394	\$649,359.46
Other			5	\$17,500.00	5	\$17,500.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>\$937,978.91</b>	<b>1,015</b>	<b>\$1,744,010.93</b>	<b>1,747</b>	<b>\$2,681,989.84</b>

Top left photo: The Ionia Ministerial Association was able to provide housing and utility assistance to clients in need with a 2023 People Fund grant.



Since 1993, you've helped us grant over \$2.65 million to your neighbors in need!

2023 Statement of Activities

UNAUDITED - for the 12 months ending 12/31/2023

Revenue		Expenses	
Round-Up Contributions	\$58,646.44	Grants Paid in 2023	\$48,305.20
Tri-County Contribution	\$8,916.03	Program Expenses (paid by TCEC)	\$8,916.03
Other Contributions	\$659.30	Bank Fees	\$25.00
Interest Income	\$1,795.76		
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$70,017.53</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$57,246.23</b>

Change in Net Assets	\$12,771.30
Net Assets, First of Year (as of 1/1/23)	\$101,683.45
Net Assets, End of Year (as of 12/31/23)	\$114,454.75

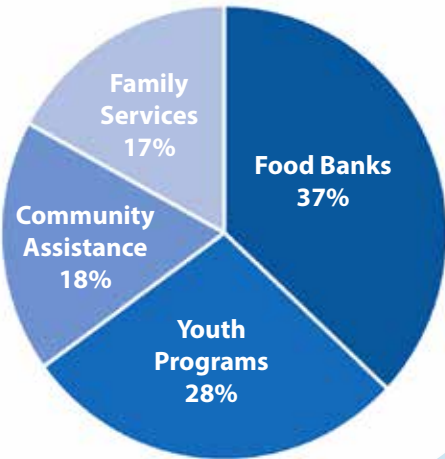
Notes: 1) The 2023 financial statements have not been audited as of this printing. However, the Tri-County Electric People Fund's books are audited annually by a certified accounting firm, Eide Bailly, L.L.P., of Fargo, ND. 2) Program expenses include copying, postage, mileage, and meal expenses for the volunteer directors, and audit, insurance, and other fees required for operation.

Where do your round-up dollars go?

GRANTS MADE TO FAMILIES:



GRANTS MADE TO ORGANIZATIONS:



## 2023 Grants Approved by the People Fund

GRANT RECIPIENT	HOW THE FUNDS ARE USED	AMOUNT
1 Clare County family	Utility expenses	\$1,000.00
2 Eaton County families	Housing/utility expenses	\$4,173.34
1 Ingham County family	Utility expenses	\$654.00
1 Ionia County family	Utility expenses	\$500.00
1 Isabella County family	Utility expenses	\$589.87
3 Mecosta County families	Home repair/utility expenses	\$4,951.00
2 Montcalm County families	Housing/utility expenses	\$2,117.54
1 Saginaw County family	Housing expenses	\$1,364.45
2nd Chance Corporation (Lakeview)	Septic system expenses	\$1,500.00
Boy Scout Troop 129 (Portland)	Summer camp expenses	\$1,000.00
Chippewa Lake Community Church	Mobile food truck program	\$725.00
Community Drawers (Ionia)	Basic needs expenses for clients	\$500.00
Cub Scout Troop 258 (Portland)	Awards ceremony expenses	\$250.00
Feeding America of West Michigan	Mobile food pantry items	\$5,000.00
Habitat for Humanity of Ionia County	Supplies for habitat housing build	\$2,000.00
Helping Hands Food Pantry (Charlotte)	Basic needs pantry items	\$5,000.00
Ionia County Great Start Collaborative	Kindergarten backpack program	\$1,000.00
Ionia Ministerial Association	Utilities & housing assistance program	\$1,000.00
Leslie Youth Football Association	New youth football helmets	\$2,500.00
Mecosta Conservation District (Big Rapids)	Hazardous waste collection program	\$1,500.00
Portland Backpacks for Bellies	Weekend food program for kids	\$3,000.00
Project Starburst (Big Rapids)	Food pantry items	\$1,500.00
St. Vincent de Paul, St. Mary's (Charlotte)	Utility & housing assistance program	\$2,500.00
United Way of Gratiot & Isabella Counties	Community assistance	\$2,500.00
The Voice of Clinton County's Children	Supplies for support group	\$1,700.00

### You can make a difference for just \$6 per year!

You can support the Tri-County Electric People Fund simply by having your electric bill rounded up to the next dollar each month. It costs an average of just \$6 per year, but makes a MAJOR difference in your community.

You may opt in or out of this **voluntary** program at any time by enclosing a note with your bill payment, or by calling us at 1-877-466-3957, option 1. You may also choose to designate a specific amount to contribute each month through a line item on your energy bill. Thank you for your support of this important program!

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“Your extra spare change might not seem like much to you, but to the people who don’t have anything, it matters quite a lot. Thank you for rounding up your bill to help us help others.”

~ Amanda Thompson, Executive Director of Helping Hands Food Pantry