

Pierce Pepin Cares Awards Grants to Local Non-Profits

[Ellsworth, WI] –Second quarter grants were recently awarded by Pierce Pepin Cares, the charitable foundation of Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services (PPCS), to six local non-profits. The Pierce Pepin Cares board approved a total of \$3,000 in grants, split evenly, to the Durand Fire Relief Association, Healing Play, Inc., The Luke 3:11 Project, Pierce County Historical Association, the Prescott Fire Department, and the River Bluff Humane Society. Pierce Pepin Cares is funded by PPCS members who generously round up their monthly energy bills to the nearest dollar through Operation Round Up®, as well as direct donations.

Durand Fire Relief Association received their \$500 grant which will all go towards a new tanker/tender truck. Healing Play, Inc. plans to use their grant to invest in accessible surfacing for phase 2 of their Fairy Wonderland Park. The Luke 3:11 Project is putting their grant into purchasing heavy winter gloves/mittens for adults and children, adult winter boots, snow pants for all ages, and adult winter coats. Pierce County Historical Association will spend its \$500 on purchasing new acid-free storage boxes to store military uniforms. Prescott Fire Department’s grant will be spent on a thermal imager for their Tender 2 firetruck. The River Bluff Humane Society’s grant will help them continue their mission of providing shelter, food, and veterinary care for stray, injured, and homeless animals.

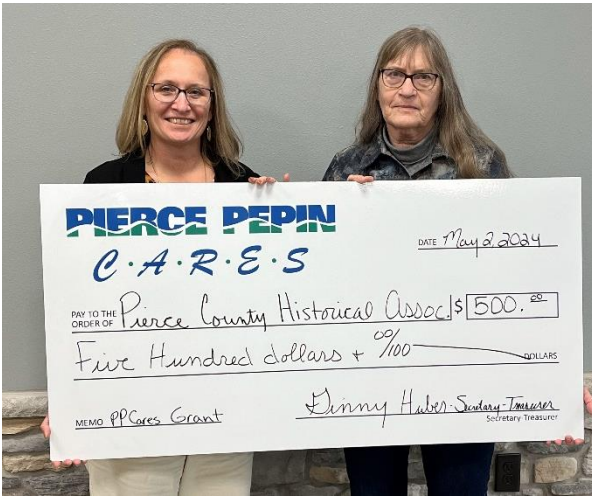
The Board of Directors also approved \$5,560 in educational grants funded by the Federated Youth Foundation. These grants were presented to four local organizations: CVTC Foundation, Friends of the Ellsworth Public Library, Positive Solutions Class, and the Community Safety Net. Federated Youth Foundation is funded through abandoned capital credits.

CVTC Foundation Inc. received a \$2,100 grant to support the costs of laptops for their students. Friends of The Ellsworth Public Library is using their \$2,000 grant to help fund their very popular summer programs. Positive Solutions Class’s \$500 grant will go towards purchasing books and supplies. Positive Solutions is a state initiative program/class that promotes positive relationships in a family and helps with challenging behaviors that may arise. The Community Safety Net received a \$960 grant and will give Ellsworth children a powerful family book, teaching kids how to live a healthy lifestyle and avoid dangerous situations.

“PPCS members who participate in Operation Round Up® make these grants possible,” said PPCS president and CEO Nate Boettcher. “Individually, members contribute just a few cents each month, but collectively, these donations provide significant support to local non-profits. We are grateful that over 70 percent of our members support our community by participating in Operation Round Up®.”



Durand Fire Dept. received \$500.00 to assist in buying a new water truck. Pictured are Taylor Miller (left), and PPCS Communications Coordinator Liz Gunderson.



Pierce County Historical Society was awarded \$500.00 to purchase new acid-free storage boxes for military uniforms. Pictured from left to right is PPCS Chief Financial Officer Becky Bradburn, and Pat Mory

The Luke 3:11 Project received \$500.00 to purchase winter gear for those in need. PPCS Senior Accountant Barb Bee (left), presented the check to Donna and Jim Hubert.



Prescott Fire Dept. received \$500.00 toward purchasing a Thermal Imaging device. PPCS Vice President of Member Relations and Human Resources Charity Lubich (right), presented the check to Andy Johnson.



PPCS Senior Accountant Barb Bee (left) presented a \$500 check to Liz Zolondek of River View Bluff Humane Society to help them continue their mission of helping needy animals.



Emily Kovach (right) of the CVTC Foundation received a \$2,100 grant to support laptop costs of students from PPCS Vice President of Member Relations and Human Resources Charity Lubich.



Friends of Ellsworth Library received a \$2,000 grant to help fund their popular summer programs. Pictured from left to right are PPCS Vice President of Member Relations and Human Resources Charity Lubich, Cindy Baird, Caroline Herfindahl, and Jeanette Wright.



Positive Solutions Class received a \$500 grant, which will go towards purchasing books and supplies for their programs. Pictured from left to right are Karine Coulson and PPCS Member & Community Relations Coordinator Brooke Cupp.



Healing Play Inc was awarded \$500.00 to invest in accessible surfacing for phase 2 of their Fairy Wonderland Park. Pictured from left to right is PPCS Chief Financial Officer Becky Bradburn, and Allison Ennenga