

## Pierce Pepin Cares Grants Awarded to Local Non-Profits

**[Ellsworth, WI]** –Pierce Pepin Cares, the charitable foundation of Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services (PPCS), recently awarded third-quarter grants to two local non-profits. The Pierce Pepin Cares board approved grants to the Lund Fire Department in the amount of \$1,500 to assist with the purchase of ice rescue equipment and Chippewa Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America in the amount of \$1,000 to support scouting activities in Pepin County. 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.

A third grant in the amount of \$1,500 was awarded to the Ellsworth School District for the purchase of school supplies for their annual drive. These funds were made available through Federated Youth Foundation which is funded by forfeited capital credits and is used to support educational efforts.

“Over seventy percent of PPCS members participate in Operation Round Up,” said Nate Boettcher, PPCS’ president and CEO. “We are extremely thankful for their generosity and support of programs that benefit everyone in our community.”

Pierce Pepin Cares provides charitable contributions to nonprofit organizations that offer programs and support projects to enhance the quality of life for those within the communities served by PPCS. Pierce Pepin Cares grants are awarded quarterly by the Pierce Pepin Cares board of directors. All nine PPCS directors serve on the Pierce Pepin Cares board of directors along with one PPCS member and one PPCS employee. Nonprofit organizations interested in applying may visit [www.piercepepin.coop](http://www.piercepepin.coop) or call 800-924-2133 for information. The next application deadline is September 15.



David Stein accepted a grant for \$1,500.00 on behalf of the Lund Fire Department for the purchase of ice rescue equipment.



Chippewa Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, received \$1,000.00 to support activities for the scout troops in Pepin County. Members of Troop 76 accepted the donation on behalf of the Chippewa Valley Council.



Ellsworth School District was awarded \$1,500.00 to assist in purchasing school supplies for their annual drive. Pictured from left to right are Maggie Pechacek, Anne Pechacek, Quinn Emery, and Charity Lubich, PPCS vice president, member relations and human resources.