

Operation Round Up® Grants Give Support for Diverse Needs

Ellsworth, WI – Two local programs received support from members of Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services through the co-op's Operation Round Up program. Third quarter grants were approved at the cooperative's July 11 board meeting: Ellsworth Elementary School and Free Counseling Center, Inc., each received \$1,500. Ellsworth Elementary School used the funds to support their school supply drive to assist children in need. Free Counseling Clinic, Inc., used the funds for program support to provide free counseling to uninsured members of the local communities.

"The board acted to support specific community needs through these donations on behalf of Pierce Pepin members.," said Larry Dokkestul, Pierce Pepin's President and CEO. "Making sure our students can start the school year on the right track will pay dividends months and years down the road. And making sure individuals and families can access counseling will also help strengthen our communities."

Operation Round Up is funded by participating Pierce Pepin members who round up their electric bills to the nearest dollar each month or donate a specific dollar amount. The program 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 the cooperative.

Operation Round Up grants are awarded quarterly by the Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services Board of Directors. Nonprofit organizations interested in applying may visit www.piercepepin.coop or call 800-924-2133 for information. The next application deadline is September 15.



A check for \$1,500 was presented to Mary Zimmerman, Ellsworth Elementary School principal (left) by PPCS employees along with school supplies, backpacks and additional monetary donations.



A check for \$1,500 through Operation Round Up was presented to board members of Free Counseling Center, Inc. for program support to provide free counseling to uninsured members of our local communities. Pictured are Scott Jacobs, Kathryn Hector, Jean Hector, Catherine Olson, and Jaye Ann Hay.