

Operation Round Up® Grants Give Support for Diverse Needs

[Ellsworth, WI] – Members of Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services are helping local programs through the co-op’s Operation Round Up program. Grants were approved for three organizations at the cooperative’s January 3 board meeting: Assistance and Resource Center, Inc. (ARC), \$2,000 for housing and transportation needs; Have a Heart, Inc., \$3,000 for assistance to purchase a handicapped accessible vehicle; Basics for Local Kids, Inc., \$3,000 for winter outer wear for local children in need.

“These local organizations are working hard to assist individuals and families in our area in a variety of ways,” said Larry Dokkestul, Pierce Pepin’s President and CEO. “The board acted to support specific community needs through these donations on behalf of Pierce Pepin members.”

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 March 15.



A check for \$3,000 was presented to Kim Johnson, Basics for Local Kids, Inc. (center) by Charity Lubich, PPCS Executive Assistant/HR Coordinator, and Larry Dokkestul, PPCS President and CEO



Staff and clients at Have A Heart, Inc., were pleased to accept a \$3,000 check from PPCS members through the Operation Round Up program.