

## **Operation Round Up® Grants Stock Pierce County Food Shelves**

**Ellsworth, WI [October 23, 3015]** – Members of Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services are helping stock Pierce County food shelves through the co-op's Operation Round Up program. Six food pantries were each awarded \$2,000 at the board's October meeting—Pierce County Food Pantry, Elmwood Food Pantry, Plum City Food Pantry, Prescott Area Food Shelf, River Falls Food Pantry and Spring Valley Community Food Pantry. The donations were presented to pantry representatives during the Pierce County Hunger Prevention Council meeting on October 21.

“Local food shelves are working hard to help those in need put food on the table, often with few resources themselves,” said Larry Dokkestul, Pierce Pepin's President and CEO. “With the holidays approaching, the board acted to make these timely 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.com](http://www.piercepepin.com) or call 800-924-2133 for information. The next application deadline is December 15.

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### **About Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services**

Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services is an energy services cooperative located in Ellsworth, Wisconsin, offering electric utility services to homes and businesses. As a Touchstone Energy Cooperative, Pierce Pepin Cooperative Services is committed to excellence, innovation and integrity, and is dedicated to helping its communities live better. For more information, call 1-800-924-2133 or visit [www.piercepepin.com](http://www.piercepepin.com).