



THE PEOPLE FUND

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



The Foundation Board

The Foundation Board is comprised of individuals from five areas of expertise.

- A member of a financial institution
- A member of a social service agency
- A member of an educational institution
- A member of the Consolidated Cooperative board
- A member of Delaware or Morrow Chamber of Commerce

Together, these board members review applications quarterly, sharing their knowledge and expertise in making important decisions on the wise use of funds. They donate their time because they realize the value the Foundation offers our communities. We are thankful for their generosity and involvement.



Cathy Francis
Chair



Michael Ziegelhofer
Director



Lisa Stumpf
Secretary/Treasurer



Doug Loudenslager
Director



Jim Burson
Director



Executive Report

A few cents can make a big difference

How blessed we are to live in our rural community. Most of us know our neighbors by name and watch out for each other. It's heartening to live in a place where we have each other's backs.

The People Fund is a treasured program at Consolidated Cooperative that looks out for our neighbors. This charitable foundation has awarded more than \$1.2 million in donations since it was established in 2002. During 2017, due to generous support from members of Consolidated, The People Fund granted more than \$100,000 to individuals and groups.

This is a program of proven success that provides financial assistance to people, non-profit agencies, and community activities in the co-op's service area. Many recipients receive help through The People Fund because assistance is simply not available through other channels. The primary source of support for The People Fund is Consolidated Cooperative's members who participate in Operation RoundUp®.

How Operation RoundUp Works

In fact, Operation RoundUp is the primary funding source for The People Fund. You can help your neighbors by rounding up your Consolidated electric or gas bill to the nearest dollar.

The average amount cooperative members contribute each year is about \$6. That's a small sum, but when combined with contributions from your fellow co-op members it makes a big impact on those who reside in our local communities. For example, if you participate in Operation RoundUp and your monthly bill is \$62.71, you will pay \$63 with the 29 cents going directly into a special fund administered by the Consolidated Cooperative Foundation's Board of Trustees.

Operation RoundUp has proven to be a successful program that has helped many people in our service area. You can read in this report about the worthy causes for which funds were earmarked in 2017. Operation RoundUp enables the cooperative and its members to do much for our communities through The People Fund.

Deep appreciation is extended to participating members, and to the foundation's board of directors for their dedication and determination to make our community a better place by supporting our neighbors in need.

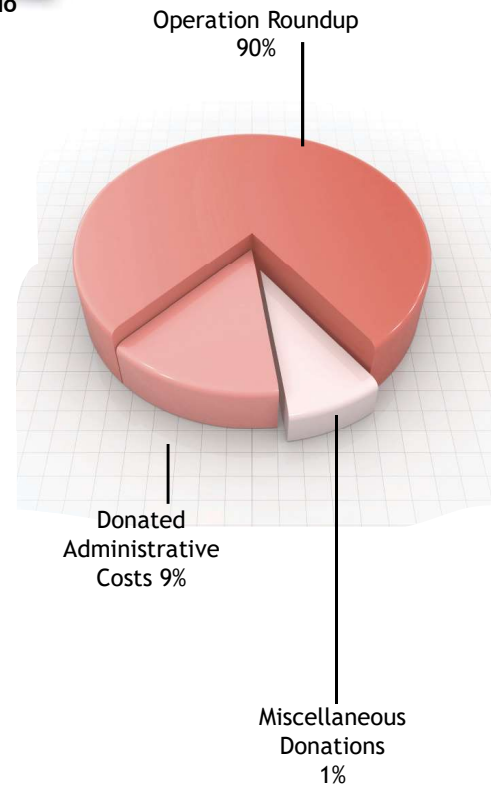


Donation to Kids On The Block, Central Ohio



Donation to local food pantries

Total Donations



Phil Caskey
President

Making a difference in our communities

The People Fund is a charitable program that provides funding for our neighbors in need of assistance. The People Fund's Board has approved grants for individuals suffering from various illnesses, families devastated by natural disaster, and organizations such as local fire departments and schools, as well as community outreach programs.

Below is a complete list of funds awarded in 2017. The People Fund and your contributions are truly making a difference in the communities Consolidated Cooperative serves. Last year, more than \$100,000 was granted.

First Quarter

- Individual in need – Heating, \$2,424
- American Red Cross – Support for Ready 365 Program and Home Fire Preparedness Campaign, \$2,500
- Individual in need – Rewire house, \$743
- Trinity UMC Food Pantry – Two-door freezer, \$4,747
- Individual – Funeral expenses, \$5,000

Second Quarter

- Cardington Public Library – HVAC system, \$5,000
- Cardington Food Pantry – Refrigerator, \$3,600
- Flying Horse Farms – 2 camperships, \$5,000
- Kids on the Block of Central Ohio – Wireless headphones, \$700
- Individual in need – Replace roof, \$5,256

Third Quarter

- TouchPointe – Copy machine, \$2,650
- Individual in need – Handicapped-accessible van, \$13,500
- Individual in need – Replace roof, \$7,168
- Turning Point – Replace playground, \$8,205

Fourth Quarter

- Individual in need – Refrigerator and stove, \$2,139
- Individual in need – Washer and dryer, \$1,358
- Individual in need – Water tap fee, \$5,310
- Lutheran Social Services – Thankful Holiday Program, \$5,000
- Individual in need – Replace roof, \$4,640
- Individual in need – Assistance with home foundation, \$12,000
- Individual in need – Bed bug treatment, \$1,823
- Individual in need – Heat Pump, \$1,619
- Individual in need – Washer and dryer, \$1,344

Percentage of Members participating in Operation Round Up



2017 People Fund Donations & Awards

