



Executive Report to the Members

2004 Annual Report

The Foundation Board



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

- *A member of a financial institution*
- *A member of the business community*
- *A member of a social service agency*
- *A member of an educational institution*
- *A member of the Consolidated Electric Board*

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 that the Foundation offers our community. We are thankful for their generosity and their involvement.

Thanks to the generosity of Consolidated Electric, Consolidated Gas, and Bright Energy members, the Consolidated Electric Foundation was able to distribute \$69,535 to the community in 2004. This funding went to individuals and organizations in order to help make a difference in the lives of Co-op members and others in our community.

This money made a big difference in the lives of many people. For example, it helped pay for needed therapy for children, and for a computer for a learning disabled student when alternative funding simply wasn't available.

Thanks to your generosity, funding was available for fire departments to purchase desperately needed equipment that can help save lives. Your funding also went to schools for new or expanded programs for learning about disabled students and to a senior group to help make their days just a little bit brighter.

All of this funding came through a very simple bill round-up program – Operation Round Up®. It's just pennies a month and averages only about \$6 for the entire year, but when your support is added with all of our members support, it can total a sizable amount. Just turn the page to see all the good it's done throughout the community!

The Consolidated Electric Foundation's Board of Directors also deserve credit for helping to make the Consolidated Electric Foundation and The People Fund such a success.



*Brian Newton
President*

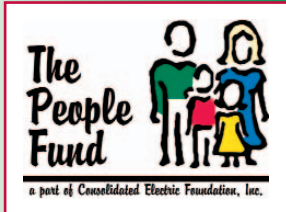


*Larry Cline
Chairman*

These five individuals donate their time and expertise to sit on the Board. They review applications quarterly and follow stringent criteria to make sure that every penny of every dollar is being spent wisely and well. They take their responsibilities very seriously, as you will see when you read through the funding awarded this past year.

The Foundation was introduced in May 2002 and so far, over \$155,000 has gone back into the community — money that has made a big difference to a lot of people.

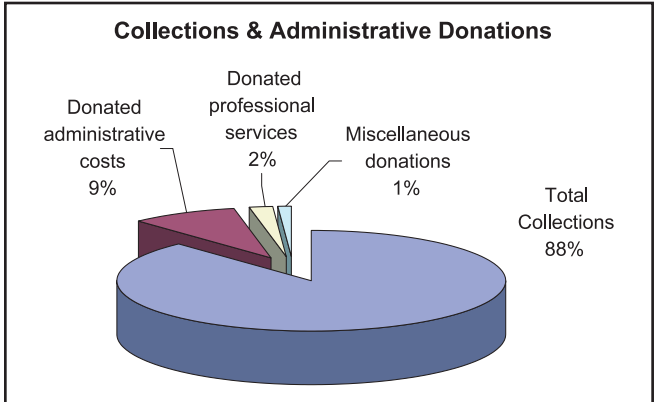
Consolidated Electric is just one of several hundred electric cooperatives in the U.S. who have such a program. They go by many different names – Pennies from Heaven, Operation Helping Hand, the People Connection and more— but their purpose remains the same, to help those in need and to make the world a little bit better place in which to live.



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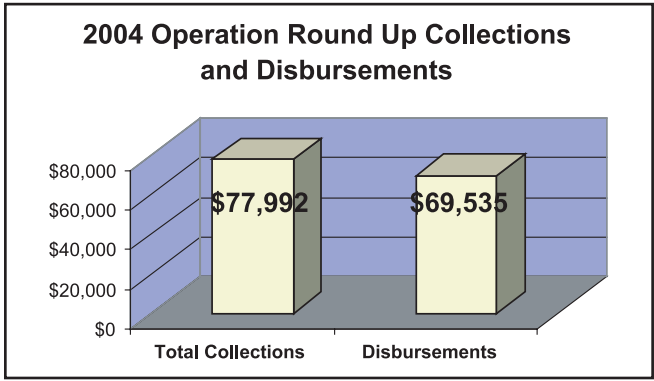


Funding Granted



The Foundation Board makes grants from the People Fund only when it meets certain criteria. The fund isn't meant to replace any currently existing sources of funds and it isn't meant to pay anyone's overdue bills. It is meant to help individuals in dire circumstances and help organizations and agencies offer new products and services that are badly needed in our community.

Here is some of the funding granted in 2004:



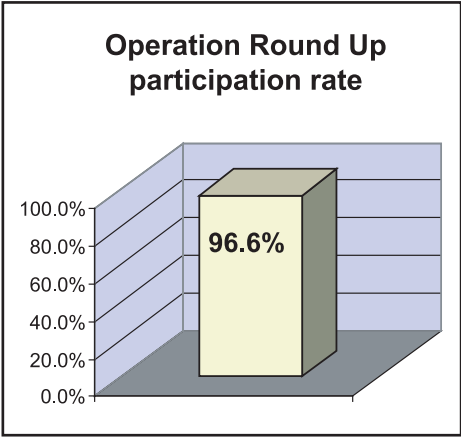
Marion Goodwill Industries - \$5,000 to help provide vehicles for the Good Wheels program, a program that repairs vehicles into usable shape so people without transportation can purchase the vehicle they need to be employed.

Recovery Alternative School - \$3,000 to help defray some of the costs of transportation, lodging and food for students and staff to attend the Pride Youth Conference — a conference that promotes drug and alcohol-free living for youth.

Buckeye Valley High School - \$500 to help defray the cost of their annual Christmas luncheon and program for over 400 senior citizens in the community.

Delaware County Cultural Arts Center - \$5,000 to help pay some of the costs to renovate the Painting & Drawing studio. The Center provides many cultural arts opportunities to the community that aren't available elsewhere locally.

Bright Beginnings Preschool - \$1,125 to purchase educational teaching resources and materials to start up the new preschool in the Marengo area. This is the only preschool in an 11-mile area in the community.



Individual - \$2,500 to help defray some of the cost of a used van with a wheelchair lift for a disabled individual who has multiple sclerosis, yet continues to give back to the community through volunteer efforts.

Delaware County American Red Cross - \$5,000 to help expand the Basic Aid Training for first aid to 4th through 6th graders in the county.

Heritage Day Health Centers - \$1,000 for construction of an interior (key padded) half gate at the day care center in Delaware to ensure the safety and security of clients.

Centerburg Baseball Softball Little League Association - \$2,000 to help purchase and install lights at the Centerburg Memorial Park ball field. This will allow youth sports to be played in the evenings.

Senior Services for Independent Living of Delaware County - \$600 for memory journals for Senior Companion clients and home care clients to record events of their life for family members.

Individual - \$600 for a computer for a grandson whom the grandparent home schools due to the child's disabilities.

Sunbury/Big Walnut Chamber of Commerce - \$2,825 to fund the purchase of a computer, software and website design in order to create a website for the Chamber.

Hartford Volunteer Fire Department - \$799 for a multi-gas detector and \$1,245 for a CPAP device to help those experiencing congestive heart failure, pulmonary edema or asthma.

Child - \$450 for 10 weeks of therapy for a three-year-old child who has spastic quad cerebral palsy.

The Disciple Shop - \$5,000 to help defray badly needed renovations to this facility that helps clothe those in need.

Literacy Coalition of Delaware County - \$900 to help purchase bookshelves for books currently stored in boxes which make it difficult for children and families to find books for their reading level.

Delaware County Friends of the Trail - \$4,480 to pay for fencing to help expand the multi-purpose trail going through Delaware County near Sunbury Ohio.

Delaware City Schools - \$750 to help implement an oral-motor/sensory integration treatment program for children in grades five through eight in Delaware County.

Westerville Division of Fire - \$261 to help purchase infant car seats to provide seats for those in need that participate in their infant seat education/installation program.

Individual - \$1,000 to help defray the cost of a husband's cremation expenses for an individual in financial need, who is also raising a grandchild.

Mt. Gilead Fire Department - \$1,600 to purchase an automatic electric defibrillator unit that can help save the life of someone experiencing a heart attack.

Helpline of Delaware & Morrow Counties - \$5,000 to purchase a refurbished copier and a laptop computer in order to provide training workshops for volunteers and organizations in the community.

Fort Morrow Consolidated Fire District - \$2,000 to purchase a generator and portable lights so the fire department has lighting to respond to night emergencies better.