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Helping Your Community

Hi, everyone.

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Christmas holiday season. This is the time of year we are preparing for winter and, hopefully, thinking about all the things we are grateful for.

I ask that each of you thinks about contributing to those less fortunate in our communities. Please consider options offered through the PUD.

Operation Warm Heart

Unforeseen financial hardships can create an additional burden on families. Since 1989, caring Klickitat PUD customers have given generously to Operation Warm Heart to support those who find themselves in these situations. Operation Warm Heart allows customers to contribute to others' power bills. Neighbor helping neighbor is a proud Klickitat County PUD tradition.

Applications are available at KPUD offices and are subject to review by an independent third party. There are no income limits. Nominations are also accepted if you are aware of someone in financial need who may be unwilling to apply for assistance on their own.

You can be part of Operation Warm Heart with a tax-deductible contribution of any amount. There are three easy ways to give:

- Have a small amount added to your monthly KPUD bill. Most people give just \$1 or \$2 a month.
- Make a one-time contribution of any amount. All gifts are welcome.
- Place your bill on Operation Round Up, which rounds up utility bills to the nearest dollar.

If you would like to participate, call the friendly PUD customer service staff in Goldendale or White Salmon.

Back Packs 4 Kids

Another way to help is the Back Packs 4 Kids Program. The program is based in Goldendale but serves children across Klickitat County to fight child hunger. During the school year, it provides weekend food to kids who may go hungry without it. The nonprofit organization is driven strictly by volunteers and generous donations. No child should ever have to go without food.

Go to www.backpacks4kids.org for more information about how to donate to this worthwhile program.

From all of us and our families at your PUD, best wishes for a warm and happy holiday season!

Jim Smith

General Manager