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Helping Your Community

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the Christmas holiday season. This is the time of year when we prepare for winter and, hopefully, when we think about all the things we have to be grateful for. We are lucky to live in a small community that offers so much.

It is also the time of year when those fortunate enough to be able to help others start thinking about how we can contribute to others in our community. I hope you consider the PUD's Operation Warm Heart program.

From time to time, unforeseen hardships can create burdens on families that put strain on their finances. Since 1989, Klickitat PUD customers have given generously to Operation Warm Heart, supporting those who find themselves in these situations.

Operation Warm Heart allows customers to contribute to other customers' power bills. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a proud Klickitat County PUD tradition.

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

- Add a small amount to your monthly 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 utility bills up to the nearest dollar. These funds are deposited into the Operation Warm Heart fund to help families in need.

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

Applications for assistance 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 know of someone in financial need who may be unwilling to apply for assistance on their own.

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

Jim Smith
General Manager