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# Helping Your Community

Unforeseen financial hardships can create an additional burden on families who struggle to pay their monthly electric bills. Since 1989, caring Klickitat PUD customers have given generously to Operation Warm Heart. Their gifts help KPUD customers who are having problems paying their power bills. Neighbor helping neighbor is a proud Klickitat County PUD tradition.



### Who gets help, and how does someone apply?

Applications are available at KPUD offices and are subject to review by the Ministerial Association. 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.

### How can I contribute?

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. Proceeds are deposited into the Operation Warm Heart fund to help families in need.

If you would like to participate, call KPUD at (800) 548-8357 or (509) 773-5891 in Goldendale, and (800) 548-8358 or (509) 493-2255 in White Salmon.

### Other ways to help your community

The Back Packs 4 Kids Program is based in Goldendale, but serves children all across Klickitat County to fight child hunger one meal at a time.

During the school year, it provides weekend food to kids who may go hungry without it. The nonprofit organization is driven strictly by volunteers. Through generous donations, they are able to keep schoolchildren fed.

No child should ever have to go without food.

Visit the organization's website, [www.backpacks4kids.org](http://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!**