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The summer of 2023 has flown by and we have entered into my favorite time of year... Fall. Duke Energy has been actively engaged in our communities through the 3rd quarter of the year and I am pleased to share these activities with you. As always, please call me with any questions you may have.

Hendricks County Community Activities:

Indiana Food Insecurity Grants – [The Duke Energy Foundation provided more than \\$200,000 in grants](#) to address food insecurity in our Indiana service territory. The funding helps the following organizations increase their capacity to support Hoosier families impacted by food insecurity.

- Anchor House (*Jackson County*) - \$5,000
- Center for Lay Ministries (*Clark County*) - \$6,000
- Clay County YMCA (*Clay County*) - \$7,000
- Food Finders Food Bank (*Benton, Carroll, Cass, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, and Warren counties*) - \$29,000
- Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana (*Statewide*) - \$10,000
- Good Samaritan Network (*Hamilton County*) - \$10,000
- Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition (*Hendricks County*) - \$5,000
- Henry County Community Foundation (*Henry County*) - \$5,000
- Hoosier Hills Food Bank (*Brown, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange, and Owen counties*) - \$22,000
- Hope Center (*Fayette County*) - \$5,000
- Hope Southern Indiana (*Floyd County*) - \$6,000
- Know County United Way (*Knox County*) - \$12,000
- The Princeton Salvation Army (*Gibson County*) - \$10,000
- Putnam County Emergency Food Pantry (*Putnam County*) - \$5,000
- The Rescue Mission (*Huntington, Kosciusko, and Whitley counties*) - \$5,000
- The Salvation Army of Southern Indiana (*Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott, and Washington counties*) - \$10,000
- Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana (*Delaware, Grant, Henry, Madison, Randolph, and Wabash counties*) - \$3,000
- Shelby County Boys and Girls Club (*Shelby County*) - \$10,000
- South Madison Community Food Pantry (*Madison County*) - \$2,500
- United Way of Bartholomew County (*Bartholomew County*) - \$12,000
- United Way of Clinton County (*Clinton County*) - \$7,000
- West Vigo Community Center (*Vigo County*) - \$5,000
- Western Indiana Community Foundation (*Vermillion County*) - \$5,000
- Westfield Washington Schools (*Hamilton County*) - \$15,000
- YMCA of Morgan County (*Morgan County*) - \$7,000

Disability Inclusion Day, Hendricks County 4H Fair – Duke Energy sponsored the Disability Inclusion Day at the Hendricks County Fair. This day at the fair allows individuals of any age and any level of disability to attend the fair with their families.

Family Promise of Hendricks County – A \$5,000 Duke Energy Foundation grant was awarded to Family Promise of Hendricks County to assist in the program development of a Youth Emergency Shelter. This shelter will provide temporary housing and life skills for homeless young adults between the ages of 18 and 22.

Hendricks County Public Policy Education Series, Hendricks County Chambers of Commerce – Duke Energy is the presenting sponsor of this series highlighting issues impacting the economic growth and development of Hendricks County. The most recent event focused on early childhood education and quality childcare availability to workforce development and retention. Speakers included the Indiana Economic Development Association, Early Learning Indiana, and Childcare Answers.

Danville Tribe Tech, Hendricks County – A \$1,500 Duke Energy Foundation grant was awarded to Danville High School to support their Tribe Tech team. The funds will provide materials for the team to build a competition-level robot for the 2023/24 FIRST Robotics Competitions' season.

The Miles We Walk, Hendricks County – The Duke Energy Foundation awarded a \$1,000 grant to The Miles We Walk to support their Community Comfort Closets initiative. This project provides hygiene kits to Hendricks County middle and high schools for students needing support.

Quaker Day Parade, Plainfield – Duke Energy was the presenting sponsor of the 2023 Quaker Day Parade. This annual parade, which kicks off the Quaker Day Festival, begins at the Duke Energy Indiana headquarters. Duke Energy led the parade with a bucket truck and employee volunteers, who passed out candy and Duke Energy branded frisbees to the more than 10,000 attendees along the parade route down Main Street.



Susie's Place, Superhero Gala – Duke Energy sponsored the annual Superhero Gala, supporting Susie's Place. Susie's Place is the Child Advocacy Center serving children facing abuse in Hendricks, Monroe, and Vigo counties.

Back Your Badge Marathon, Plainfield – Duke Energy volunteers passed out water to runners of the Back Your Badge Marathon in Plainfield. This inaugural event brought runners from around the region to participate in this marathon and ½ marathon, benefitting the Plainfield public safety organizations.



Duke Energy News:

Street & Area Light Repair – In August, Duke Energy launched a new tool that allows customers to attach and submit pictures when reporting streetlight outages and repair requests. This is the first external-facing Duke Energy application that allows image sharing from customers and is just one of many enhancements that will be implemented throughout the remainder of the year. The tool is available on the Duke Energy [website](#).



Lower Bills & Increased Assistance – Duke Energy customers enjoyed decreasing rates this summer, due to declining fuel prices. Since January, electric rates for Duke Energy Indiana’s average residential customer dropped approximately 25% or about \$40 a month. For those who are still struggling, Duke Energy offers a variety of energy and bill management programs and announced an additional \$100k in summer financial assistance for eligible customers. The funds are distributed through statewide community action programs. Customers can learn more about financial assistance and bill management programs at [Lower My Bill Toolkit - Home - Duke Energy \(duke-energy.com\)](#). Customers can also call at [800.521.2232](tel:800.521.2232).



Can You Dig it? –The national 811 “Call Before You Dig” system was created so anyone who plans to dig can make a free call to have underground utility lines clearly marked. In 2022, Duke Energy reported approximately 475 incidents involving damages to its underground electric network in Indiana. Contractors, homeowners, business owners and anyone preparing for an excavation project should call 811 at least three business days before digging begins. The local utilities will send a crew to mark underground lines in the area (electric, natural gas, water, sewer, phone, cable TV and others) with stakes, flags, or paint. For additional information check out this [video](#) on how the 811 process works.



Educational Online Games – Did you know that the Duke Energy website offers fun, free online games and activities to learn about using electricity and natural gas safety? You can scan the QR code in the image to learn