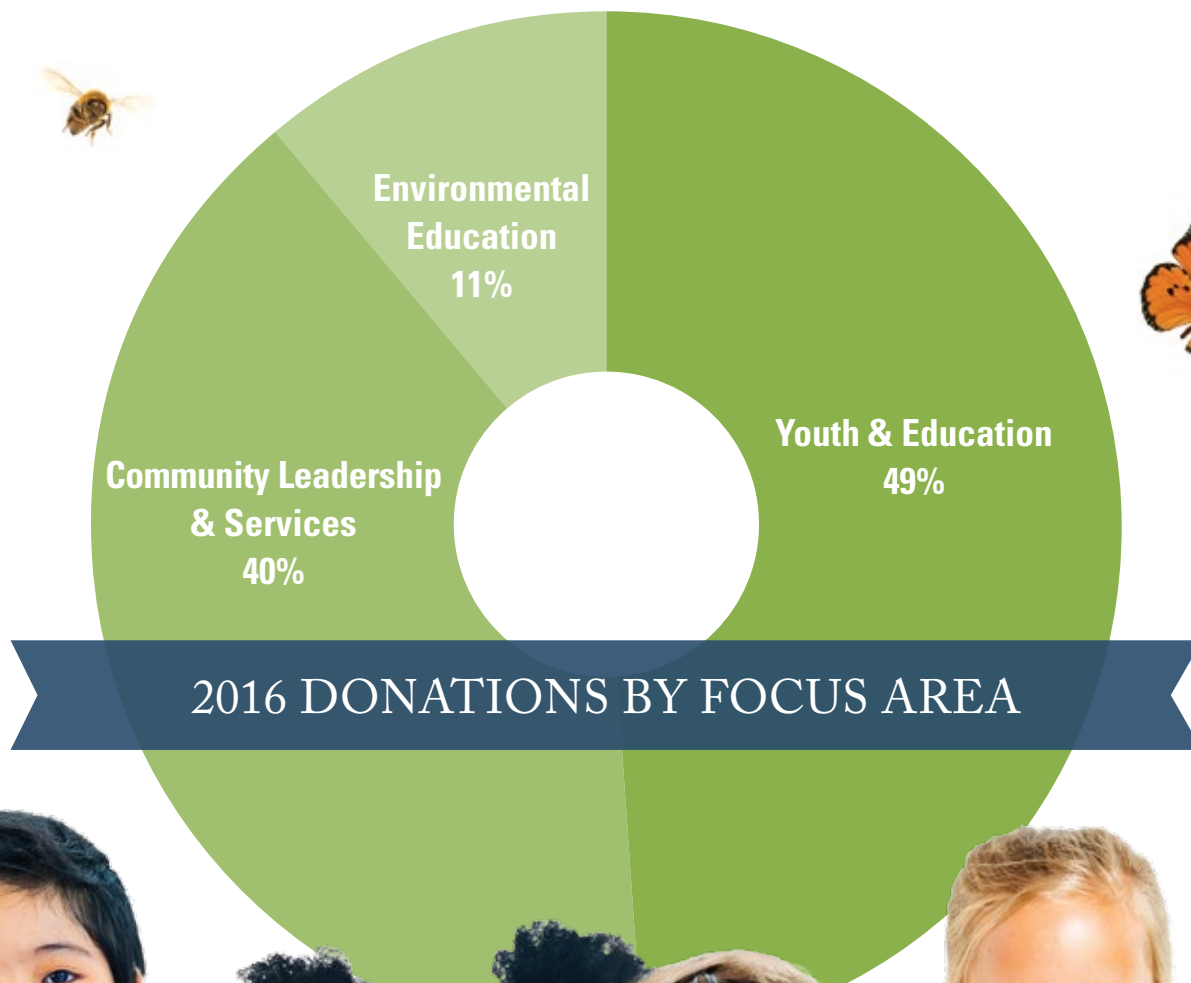


Power of Community

2016 Community Report

By powering homes and businesses in the North Metro, Connexus Energy provides an essential and important service. We also believe in doing more than that. We support our members through our community giving initiatives. Because it matters, we will always make community involvement one of our top priorities. This report highlights our 2016 community activities.



2016 DONATIONS BY FOCUS AREA



YOUTH & EDUCATION



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

Educated, healthy, and engaged youth are essential to the continued strength of our larger community. Our long-standing partnership with the National Sports Center in Blaine plays a role in building a richer future for youth in our communities.

\$86,000

In scholarships to students in
22 high schools, 2 local colleges,
and 3 technical colleges.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICES

POWER TO LEAD

Connexus Energy collaborates with local cities on business retention and expansion projects. Developed by the University of Minnesota, the projects focus on identifying existing business needs. Recently, LISI Medical Remmele, a manufacturer of high precision devices for the medical industry, found it needed to expand. Instead of having LISI move out of state, Connexus worked with a team of economic development experts and helped LISI renovate and expand its Big Lake location – saving over 300 jobs.

\$413,000

back to
community
in 2016



Bunker Beach is a favorite summertime destination for families. Because we are a major sponsor, Connexus members get discounts to this popular water park.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

POWER OF GOOD



We have planted many trees in our communities through our 20+ year partnership with Tree Trust. Their Learning with Trees program gives students the opportunity to enjoy outdoor learning and develop the knowledge and skills to become environmental stewards.



It is perfect! Connexus Energy's community solar garden not only provides solar energy for our members, it also provides exceptional habitat to help struggling pollinators such as honeybees. Our solar site received a perfect 100 score on the Solar Site Pollinator Habitat Assessment.





EMPOWERING EMPLOYEES

Giving time can be the best gift of all. Connexus' employees demonstrate what being a cooperative is all about. From helping out in schools with backpack lunch programs and coaching sports to volunteering at community food shelves, our employees help friends and neighbors better their lives. We also support the United Way and give back through Connexus Energy's Dollars for Doers and Matching Gifts programs.

To learn more about our community efforts, where donation dollars come from, or how to apply for a donation, visit us at connexusenergy.com and check out Our Community.

SAFETY

Our electric safety programs reached 9,200 Minnesotans in 2016.

2016 DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIPS (\$1,000+)

Alexandra House
 American Red Cross
 Andover YMCA
 Anoka Child Abuse Prevention Council
 Anoka County Parks Heritage Labs & Wildlife Outreach
 Anoka-Hennepin Educational Foundation
 Anoka Ramsey Community College
 Anoka Riverfest
 Anoka Rotary Dictionary Project
 Anoka Technical College
 Big Lake Backpack Buddies

Bunker Beach
 Cars for Neighbors
 Courtney Monson Memorial Fund
 Feed My Starving Children
 Flags for Fallen Military
 Friends of the Mississippi River
 Great River Greening
 Ham Lake Snowbowl
 Hope4Youth
 Impact Services/Meals on Wheels Initiative Foundation
 Mental Wellness Campaign for Anoka County
 Mercy/Unity Hospital Foundation

National Rural Electric Association International Foundation
 National Sports Center
 Night to Unite
 Ramsey Happy Days
 Ramsey Draw Park Concert Series
 Salvation Army HeatShare
 Taste of Isanti
 Tree Trust
 United Way