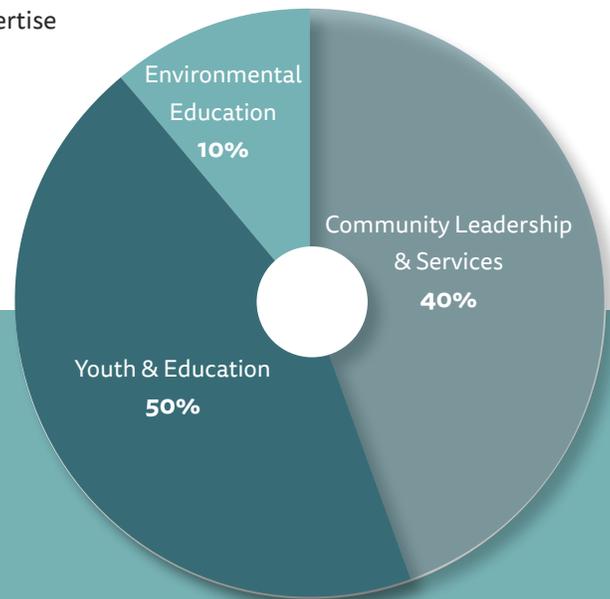


2017 Community Report

Ways we make a difference

Connexus Energy invests in the communities we serve. We believe the best way to help is by supporting organizations who have the expertise and know-how to make a difference in the lives of our members. This report highlights our 2017 community initiatives.

2017 Donations by Focus Area



Your Community. Your Choice.

"Your Community. Your Choice." is a new program we began in 2017. It lets our members choose which local organizations receive our support. In turn, we help non-profits that may not have been on our radar.

Who doesn't like a good animal rescue story? Not surprisingly, Ruff Start Rescue was one of the first recipients of a "Your Community. Your Choice." donation. Since it began operating in 2010, the Princeton area organization has rescued over 7,300 animals. Last year, with the help of 600 volunteers, they fostered nearly 1,700 animals.



YOUTH & EDUCATION

The sure way to a brighter future

Connexus Energy's belief that education and investing in our youth are the way to build thriving communities has carried on throughout our 80-year history. We are committed to helping youth by providing scholarships and sponsoring educational programs in our schools.



By far, Anoka-Hennepin is the biggest school district in our service area. Our support of the Anoka-Hennepin Education Foundation helps enrich the lives of more than 37,000 students. The Foundation looks to businesses, educators, and students to address the needs in our schools. From after-school programs to experiencing new technology like the Google Expedition Goggles that simulate space flight, students benefit from the additional community funding.

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICES

A way to lend a hand

It's the ultimate "Minnesota nice." Whether it's finding a homeless vet or teen a place to live, or making sure a senior doesn't have to make a choice between buying medication or food, we support organizations who are there for our neighbors when they need a helping hand.



Connexus Energy's community partnership with Alexandra House goes back decades. With our support, Alexandra House is now more than a place where someone in an abusive relationship can go and seek refuge. Alexandra House helps victims of sexual and domestic assault access free legal advocates. They are also tackling elder abuse and teaching youth how to stop the cycle of violence.



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Leading the way

For more than two decades, Connexus has been investing in environmental education. Our long-lasting relationships with Anoka County Parks and Tree Trust have helped instill an appreciation for the nature that surrounds us in Minnesota.

Sweet solar

Who would have thought a honeybee would put Connexus Energy on the map? We made national and international news when Boltens Bees put a bee apiary in our community solar garden and it produced the very first jars of solar honey. Most of the honey is donated to community fundraising events.



Connexus' partnership with Great River Greening helps the environmental conservation group inspire and lead local communities in restoring and conserving the land and water that enrich our lives.

Your way to safety

Working safely is part of Connexus Energy's culture. Our emphasis on safety also extends to the community. In 2017, over 10,000 Minnesotans learned about safety by taking part in one of our 375 safety events and demonstrations.

Way to go!



Our employees are dedicated to improving the well-being of our members and their communities. From supporting the United Way to packing care packages for our troops (which included some flashy Connexus sunglasses), our employees look for ways to help brighten the lives of others.



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.

2017 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
Bunker Beach
Can Do Canines
CARE Resource Connection

Eagle's Healing Nest - Anoka
Feed My Starving Children
Foster Closet
Great River Greening
Hillside Hope Thru Hooves
Hope4Youth
Impact Services/Meals on Wheels
Initiative Foundation
Lee Carlson Center for Mental
Health & Well-Being
Mental Wellness Campaign for
Anoka County
Mercy Hospital Foundation
Minnesota Military Family
Foundation

National Rural Electric Assn.
International Foundation
National Sports Center
Night to Unite
Ramsey Draw Park Concert Series
Ramsey Happy Days
Salvation Army HeatShare
Stepping Stone Emergency
Housing
The Education Foundation of the
Forest Lake Area
The Potato Head Project
Tree Trust
United Way
Zimmerman Passing the Bread
Food Distribution

\$2 million back to community in last 5 years