Connexus Energy cares for the communities we serve. We have a deep-rooted tradition of helping local organizations.

The Connexus Energy Foundation was formed in late 2019 to oversee all charitable activities. The foundation funding comes from unclaimed Cash Back payments to former members. Through the foundation we are creating opportunities for those we serve, collaborating with our community partners, and doing everything we can for our communities today and for many more years to come.

This community report is a snapshot of our community activities from the past year.

2019 donations at a glance

$468,000 Total donations

146 Number of donations

46 Gift baskets for local fundraisers
Sometimes it all comes together. Our new partnership with Hope for the Community Food Shelf is a great example of creating, collaborating, and doing. We stepped in when we heard the Blaine organization was looking to expand and create a much-needed new food shelf at the Anoka Technical College. By collaborating and doing, we are helping students who are on tight budgets get the food they need.
COLLABORATING WITH PURPOSE

The Minnesota Technology Corridor, a collaborative public-private initiative to attract tech companies to the north metro, is a multi-award winner. The collaboration between Connexus Energy and five cities, as well as Anoka and Washington counties and MetroNorth Chamber, has received several awards, including one from the Economic Development Association of Minnesota and the latest from the Association of Minnesota Counties.

When the Becker group, Farm Friends Barn, wanted to preserve an old barn that needed to be moved to a new location, Connexus was there to help. The barn will be used to educate kids about the importance of agriculture.

Our support of the Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge in Zimmerman helps preserve the 30,000+ acres of unspoiled open space. The refuge is known for its special habitats for migratory birds and acres of existing oak savanna.
Connexus works closely with our police departments to promote Night to Unite, an annual event that strengthens the relationship between local law enforcement and neighborhood communities.

In 2019, more than 6,600 Minnesotans learned about safety by taking part in one of our 226 safety events and demonstrations.

Our sponsorship of Bunker Beach means discounted admission coupons for our members. Every year, the popular water park attracts thousands of our members.

Photo credit: Anoka County Parks
In 2019, Connexus Energy sponsored a new Twin Cities Public Television documentary, *We’re in this together*. It features Anoka area veterans and their families as they share their stories and advice for coping with military deployment.

Connexus employees are doing their part in the community. From uniting together to raise funds for the United Way to packing lunches for Backpack Buddies, our employees volunteer their time to make a difference.
YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR CHOICE

Our members choose who gets the donation.

2019 recipients

» Alexandra House
» Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association
» Backing the Blue Line
» Bikes4Kids
» CAER Elk River
» Centennial Food Shelf
» Fur-Ever Home Rescue
» Impact Services/Meals on Wheels
» Jack’s Basket
» Rum River Arts Center
» Ruff Start Rescue
» WoMN Strong

2019 DONATIONS ($500+)

Achieve Services
Alexandra House
American Red Cross
Andover Family Funfest
Andover YMCA
Anoka Child Abuse Prevention Council
Anoka County Parks Heritage Labs & Wildlife Outreach
Anoka Halloween Parade
Anoka-Hennepin Educational Foundation
Anoka Historical Society
Anoka Ramsey Athletic Association
Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Anoka Riverfest
Anoka Rotary Dictionary Project
Anoka Technical College
Backing the Blue Line
Backpack Buddies – Big Lake
Bikes4Kids
Bunker Beach
CAER Elk River
Cambridge-Isanti Rotary – Taste of Isanti
Centennial Food Shelf
Coon Rapids Rotary Writing Contest
Centennial Educational Foundation

Crossroads Victory Garden
Elk River Rotary – Taste of Elk River
Emma B. Howe YMCA
Energy Resources Center – Pollinator Project
Family Pathways
Feed My Starving Children
Fishing for Life
Food with Love
Forest Lake Rotary Winter Plunge
Fresh Energy
Farm Friends Barn
Friends of the Mississippi
Friends of Sherburne Wildlife Refuge
Fur-Ever Home Rescue
Girls on the Run – Twin Cities
Granny’s Closet
Hope4Youth
Hope for the Community
Hugo Food Shelf
Impact Services/Meals on Wheels
Initiative Foundation
Isanti Firefighters Rodeo
Jack’s Basket
Legacy Foundation of Big Lake
Mental Wellness Campaign for Anoka County
Mercy Hospital Foundation
NACE Food Shelf
National Sports Center
Night to Unite
Nowthen Heritage Festival
Ramsey Fire Department Relief Association
Ramsey Happy Days
Ramsey Draw Park Concert Series
Rum River Arts Center
Ruff Start Rescue
Salvation Army HeatShare
Stepping Stones Emergency Housing
The Education Foundation of the Forest Lake Area
The Wave Youth Center – Big Lake
Tree Trust
United Way
U of M Institute for the Environment
White Bear Lake Educational Foundation
WoMN Strong
Youth First

To learn more about our community efforts, visit us at connexusenergy.com.