



Powering our communities through charitable giving and volunteerism

Community and service are integrated into everything our company does. Through the Duke Energy Foundation, we provide philanthropic support to address the needs of communities where our customers live and work.

Our employees and retirees volunteer hundreds of hours to projects and through leadership roles with nonprofit organizations that strengthen our communities. We also offer a variety of energy assistance programs to help families in need across our regions.

Our charitable giving

Since 2009, Duke Energy Kentucky and the Duke Energy Foundation have contributed approximately \$4 million to hundreds of nonprofit and education organizations in Kentucky. Our philanthropic dollars focus on K to career, the environment and community impact.

Specific programs and initiatives vary to reflect the distinct needs of the region. Some of the organizations that receive Duke Energy Foundation support include:

- Catalytic Development Funding Corp. of Northern Kentucky
- Center for Great Neighborhoods
- Thomas More College
- Life Learning Center
- Northern Kentucky Education Council
- Children, Inc.
- Northern Kentucky University
- Brighton Center of Northern Kentucky

Duke Energy Foundation
funded more than

\$4m

in charitable grants in Kentucky
since 2009, focusing on:

K to career: early childhood literacy,
STEM and workforce development

environment

community impact

Employee and retiree volunteerism

Throughout the year, our employees and retirees give back and build relationships by volunteering in their local communities. Our team provides hundreds of hours to help with needed projects, from tree plantings to cleaning up parks to staffing local food drives. In 2016, Duke Energy In Action volunteers had 15 volunteer events in Kentucky where employees, their families and retirees volunteered over 700 hours of their time.

Employees and retirees have several options through our Duke Energy In Action suite of programs that give a boost to our community involvement efforts:

- Hours4Good
- Care4Environment
- Teams4Good
- Season4Giving
- Dollars4Good

Energy assistance programs

We offer energy assistance programs across the communities we serve to help make home energy accessible to those in need. Here are examples:

WinterCare: Established in 1984 to help residents in need with winter heating bills through funds from our customers, employees and shareholders.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): Provides assistance to households through the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission to help customers who cannot afford to heat their homes.

Kentucky Home Weatherization: Duke Energy teams up with People Working Cooperatively (PWC) to provide eligible homeowners with free home weatherization improvements.

For more information

Duke Energy's commitment to citizenship and service spans more than 180 years and is an important part of the legacy of the company's founders. Additional information about our charitable giving can be found at duke-energy.com/Foundation. You can also contact us at CommunityAffairs@duke-energy.com.

Employees, family and friends donated their time and talent in Kentucky for

700 hours

Additional corporate initiatives

DonorsChoose



Duke Energy will match every dollar – up to \$200,000 – donated toward STEM projects at area public schools. Through a partnership with DonorsChoose.org, Duke Energy will match, dollar for dollar, each donation made toward eligible science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) projects in classrooms across our Ohio and Kentucky service areas. STEM education is a critical focus area for Duke Energy. By fostering a growing interest in the STEM fields for students, we believe our communities will continue to grow and produce the next generation of skilled workers who will bring new thinking and innovation to our lives. Since beginning the program, Duke Energy has supported 94 projects in Northern Kentucky schools.

Urban Revitalization

Through our Urban Revitalization Initiative, Duke Energy Foundation seeks to identify economic development opportunities in our Ohio and Kentucky service area that act as a catalyst in urban communities to spur additional commercial redevelopment activities. The program supports redevelopment opportunities that will impact blight, job creation, building vacancies, workforce retraining opportunities, business retention or expansion, or other elements of revitalization.

Projects should have the community's support from elected officials, be included in the community strategic plans and display collaboration among economic or urban development organizations. Since its launch in 2011, the Duke Energy Foundation program has issued over \$900,000 in grants to 25 initiatives in Northern Kentucky.

American Red Cross



We also know that disasters can strike at any time and affect thousands of people. On behalf of our 7.4 million electric customers and 525,000 natural gas customers, we're pleased to be a supporter of the American Red Cross Disaster Responder Program.