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### **Kaukauna Utilities receives national award for community service**

**Orlando, Florida, June 22, 2021** — Kaukauna Utilities in Kaukauna, Wisconsin, received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during APPA's National Conference in Orlando, Florida. The award recognizes "good neighbor" activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

Kaukauna Utilities (KU) wanted to do its part as a community neighbor and help those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. In partnership with its member-owned wholesale power supplier, WPPI Energy, the utility did a 100 percent match of a donation from WPPI to give back to the communities it serves as part of a COVID-19 Community Recharge initiative. This money is still being used to help its customers and community get back on their feet after struggling through a crisis. An employee-led committee was formed in 2020 to assist in allocating funds.

To date, KU has donated more than \$45,000 to different organizations with more than \$30,000 allocated to help recharge its community during the remainder of 2021. KU donated \$30,000 to area non-profits that help community members in need with rent or mortgage payments, food, gas and more. This money helped more than 90 families in the communities it serves with essential needs during the pandemic. To multiple area schools, KU donated \$4,000 to help with the purchase of Chromebooks and internet hotspots to assist families and their children with virtual learning. While KU strives for reliable electricity, being a good neighbor is one of its top priorities.

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