



# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2020

## Community resilience

What a year.

With social distancing, masked smiles, and cancelled events, many of us miss familiar parts of our physical and social communities as we knew them before COVID-19.

And yet, the Otter Tail Power Company Foundation stands in awe of—and is privileged to support through volunteer time and charitable donations—remarkable community efforts to feed the hungry, offer safe spaces for those in need, provide emergency care and services for all, and teach our young people through a global pandemic.

We're continually inspired by the community resilience that surrounds us and appreciate the opportunity to be a partner in positive impact.



*Stephanie A. Hoff*

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Stephanie A. Hoff  
*Director of Communications*  
*Otter Tail Power Company*

*President*  
*Otter Tail Power Company Foundation*

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Timothy J. Rogelstad  
*President, Otter Tail Power Company*



*Timothy J. Rogelstad*

# ABOUT OUR FOUNDATION

The Otter Tail Power Company Foundation was established in November 2018 as a private, nonprofit corporation. Our Foundation's goal is to strengthen communities across our three-state, 70,000-square-mile service area, providing financial support to established, publicly supported charitable and educational organizations.

## Board 2020-2021



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*All group photos were taken prior to the pandemic.*

# GRANT REVIEW AND APPLICATION

## Grant review

Our Foundation's giving positively impacts the rural communities we serve. Our resources are dedicated to support the charitable, educational, and volunteer efforts of local organizations. We review applications quarterly based on need, project, and impact. Collaborative efforts and initiatives that fit more than one of area of emphasis receive greater consideration for funding.

Organizations must be a 501(c)(3) to be eligible for a grant (exceptions include public and private educational institutions, volunteer fire departments, and rural EMT services).

## Grant application

To apply for a grant or scholarship, visit [otpc.com/foundation](https://otpc.com/foundation) for step-by-step instructions and a link to the online application hosted by GrantsConnect.

### Application materials:

- An overview of the project for which you're requesting a grant.
- A description of your organization, its history, and the physical location(s) it serves.
- Your organization's tax exempt status letter under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.
- A list of your organization's officers and board of directors.

Colleges and universities also may complete an online application through our Scholarship Program to request funds for student scholarships. The Foundation does not award scholarships directly to students.

For more information visit [otpc.com/foundation](https://otpc.com/foundation) or email [foundation@otpc.com](mailto:foundation@otpc.com).



## AREAS OF EMPHASIS



Education



Health and human services



Community enhancement, arts, and culture



Environmental stewardship



# POWER OF TWO



Power of Two encourages Otter Tail Power Company employees to continue to be active in their communities, volunteering their time to their favorite nonprofit organizations.

Employees who contribute a minimum of 24 hours of personal volunteer time a year to one qualifying nonprofit organization are eligible for one \$100 donation made payable to that organization from the Otter Tail Power Company Foundation.



In 2020 the Foundation prioritized charitable giving to organizations supporting those affected by COVID-19.

# 2020 GIVING

## Munich Public School District #19

*Munich, North Dakota*

Munich Public School District #19 used Foundation funds to buy iPads for K-6 students. With restrictions due to COVID-19 and the possibility of distance learning, they wanted to ensure students had access to devices that connected them to their teachers and fellow classmates.

## Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace For Kids, Inc.

*Fergus Falls, Minnesota*

Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace For Kids adapted to safely serve educators and youth. They used Foundation funds to convert in-person programming and continuing education opportunities to a virtual format so they could continue to provide nationally recognized programming that was accessible to all.

## Harvey Ambulance Service

*Harvey, North Dakota*

The Harvey Ambulance Service needed updated medical equipment at the onset of the pandemic. They used Foundation funds to help replace cardiac monitors.

## Salvation Army

*Fergus Falls, Minnesota*

The Salvation Army needed support to help others during the pandemic. They used Foundation funds to serve residents of the Otter Tail County area.

## Climax-Shelly School

*Climax, Minnesota*

The Climax-Shelly School made efforts to keep students and staff safe during the pandemic. They used Foundation funds to purchase plexiglass shields and barriers to help protect them from COVID-19.

## Greater Bemidji Inc., Gifts of Hope fund

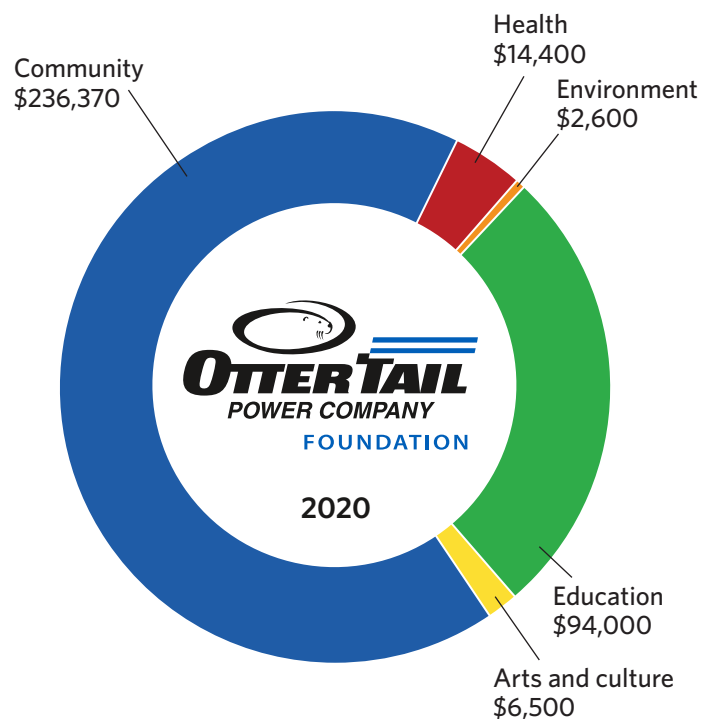
*Bemidji, Minnesota*

The Bemidji Area Gifts of Hope fund aimed to provide COVID-19 relief in area communities. They used Foundation funds to purchase gift cards from locally owned restaurants and donate them to the United Way to distribute to local families economically impacted by COVID-19.

## City of Sunburg Ambulance Service

*Sunburg, Minnesota*

COVID-19 spurred new challenges for healthcare professionals. The City of Sunburg Ambulance Service utilized Foundation funds to buy a new LifePak 15 Monitor/Defibrillator to replace an old unit, limiting risks to staff and ensuring better patient outcomes.



**We gave \$353,870 in 2020.**

# MAKING AN IMPACT

Our donations have helped local organizations fund medical and safety supplies, build homes for those in need, offer student scholarships, provide meals for those who are hungry, educate young minds, and support local art, recreation, and nature facilities.

## **Minnesota West Foundation**

"Thank you for your recent gift to the Minnesota West Foundation in support of electrician and powerline scholarships at Minnesota West Community and Technical College! Your donation will help us to continue to provide the financial resources students need in order to pursue their technical career goals."

## **Boy Scouts of America, Northern Lights Council**

"Thank you for making a difference in the lives of young men and young women served by the Northern Lights Council. [Your gift] built confidence, competence, character, caring and connection for more than 8,700 young people. Because of you, they are now prepared to face life's challenges more effectively."

## **Anne Carlsen Center**

"Because of you, the momentum continues with our campaign for a new Jamestown campus. We continue to forge ahead, towards our dream of a new home for those we serve. Thank you for investing in the children of this community and know the impact of this new space will be felt across our entire region."

## **Salvation Army Northern Division**

"What a pleasure it is to thank you for your generous gift and support of The Salvation Army. We are overwhelmed when we think of how many lives will be changed because of your support. While our numbers continue to steadily grow, because of your gift we can continue to serve our neighbors that have been greatly impacted by COVID-19."

## **Fergus Falls 544 Education Foundation**

"Thank you very much! Your donation enriches the educational experiences of students in the Fergus Falls Public Schools."

## **Munich Public School District #19**

"We greatly appreciate the donation and it will be used to purchase iPads. This donation will ensure our students have access to their coursework."

## **Parkers Prairie Community Ambulance**

"Thank you so much for the grant you gave toward our 12-Lead [EKG machine] and LUCAS project [CPR device]. Your donation will help many people in the community!"

## **University of Jamestown**

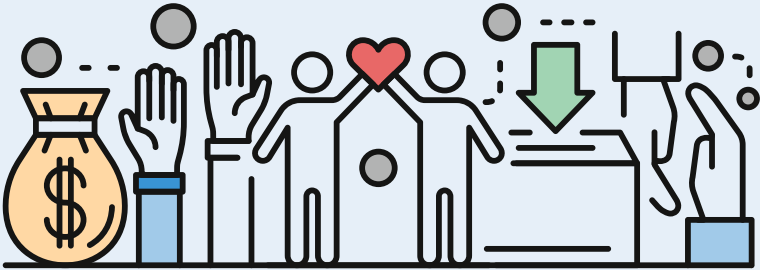
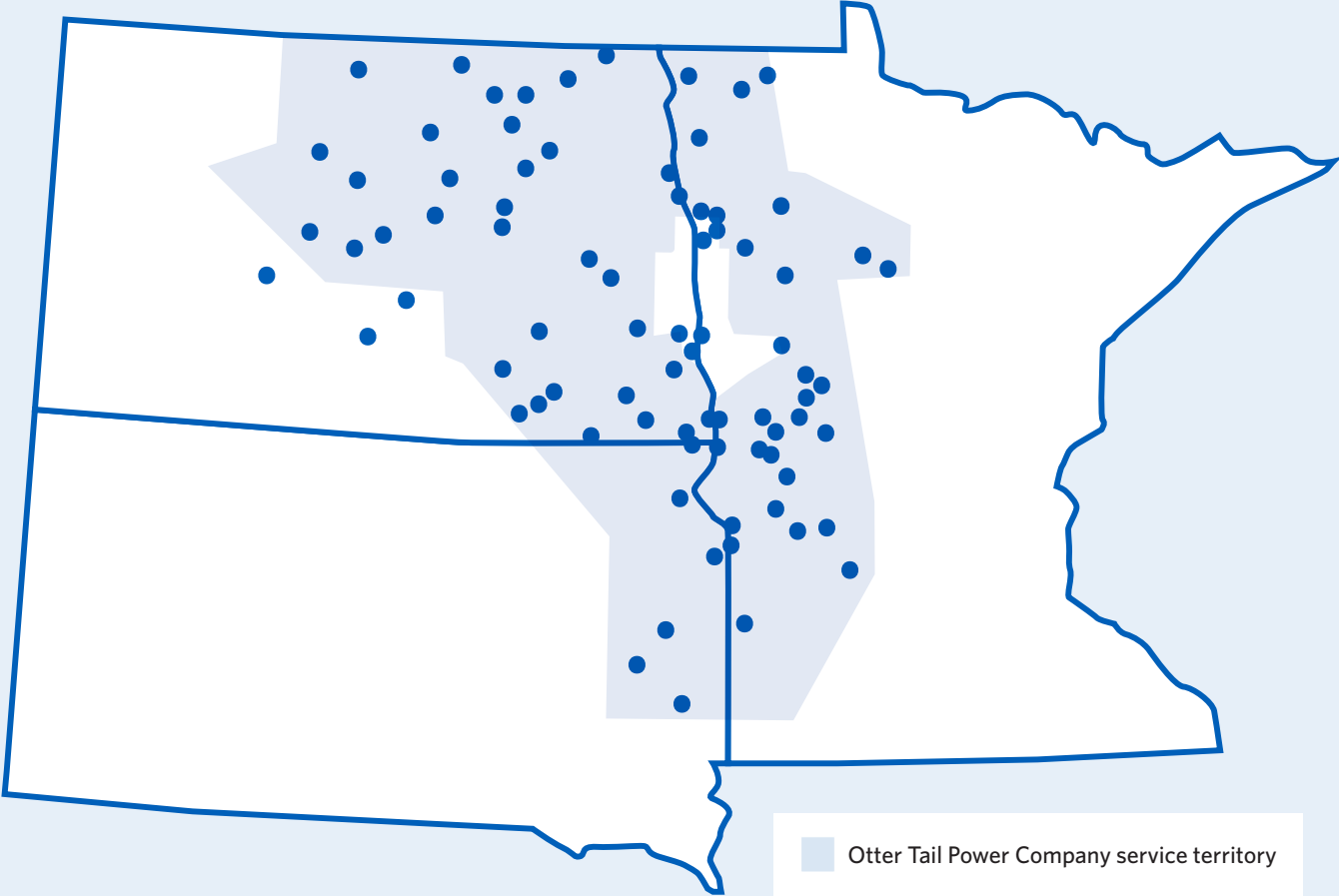
"Thank you for your generous gift to the University of Jamestown, designated for the Football/Track Renovation. Your gift has a positive impact on our students and our entire campus community."

## **Dakota College at Bottineau Foundation**

"Thank you to the Otter Tail Power Company Foundation for financially supporting the Dakota College at Bottineau's capital expansion project to bring more nurses to rural areas. We appreciate Otter Tail's commitment to being a community partner."

# Where we gave

This map shows all of the areas where we've made a direct impact during the past two years.





# LOOKING AHEAD

Caring for our communities is at the core of who we are. In everything we do, we focus on how we can improve the quality of life in the areas around us.

The year ahead is filled with promise. Our communities are resilient reminders of the good work we can do together.

COVID-19 has affected everyone, and we know it will have lasting effects. We'll be here to support local organizations as they work to move forward.

There is such strength in our communities, we'll continue to do all we can to support them.

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