
The Metropolitan Utilities District and Black Hills coordinated this project with KETV and The Salvation Army.

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Hy-Vee raises nearly \$7,000
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Customers at Hy-Vee Supermarkets in several Nebraska and Iowa cities donated \$6,900 during a "Warm Homes" fundraiser earlier this year to help people struggling to pay home heating bills.

Pocket change went into canisters at Hy-Vee outlets in Omaha, Papillion, Lincoln, Norfolk and Columbus in Nebraska and in Council Bluffs. Donations will benefit energy assistance programs at Metropolitan Utilities District and Black Hills Energy. Social service agencies will distribute money in the areas where it was collected.

Black Hills Energy also provided a \$2,110 match for donations at the stores in its service area. The total raised in the fundraiser was \$9,010.

Last year, M.U.D. customers gave more than \$152,000 to the district's heat aid fund. Black Hills' program provided about \$225,000 in energy aid in Nebraska and Iowa.