

Our Community

“We are dedicated to supporting programs that strengthen the fabric of our communities by developing the potential of our residents, institutions and infrastructure.” – DTE Energy

Foundation mission statement

At DTE Energy, we believe that people everywhere generally want the same things – quality communities in which to live and work, a chance to live in harmony with their neighbors, the ability to excel in their livelihoods, a clean environment to pass on to future generations, and, most importantly, a sincere desire to make their community a better place.

And, because improving the quality of life in the communities we serve requires reliable supplies of competitively priced energy, our ability to meet this need is dependent on the efforts of our highly skilled workers. The DTE Energy Foundation, the philanthropic arm of our company, targets its support to programs that encourage an interest in and develop the

skills needed to succeed in an increasingly competitive energy industry.

Demand is growing for highly skilled workers and it is becoming essential for Michigan students to have a solid grounding in math. The DTE Energy Foundation awarded \$385,000 in grants to Michigan middle schools under its new competitive Math Enrichment Grant Program, launched in 2007. Ranging from \$4,000 to \$50,000, the grants were awarded to 20 schools located throughout our Michigan service territory. Awards were made to support innovative new programs or expand existing programs.

Overall, the DTE Energy Foundation awarded nearly \$7.6 million to a variety of community and civic organizations in 2007.

Our employees volunteer year-round too, in their neighborhoods and communities, and through the Walter J. McCarthy Jr., Awards for Volunteer Leadership. These awards were established to honor Detroit Edison’s fourth chairman of our board of directors. Employees who volunteer a minimum of 40 hours per year, and retirees who volunteer a minimum of 80 hours per year, are eligible to receive grants of up to \$5,000 for the organizations they support.

Today, our employees volunteer for, and bring their skills to, a variety of programs such as the Muskegon Heat – where Laneta Paskel, a Call Center Representative in Kentwood, Mich., volunteers with youth to develop basketball and social skills. David Asselin, a maintenance journeyman electrician at the Belle River Power Plant, volunteers for Pheasants Forever, where he designs habitat projects for landowners.

The DTE Energy family of companies provides products and services that not only enhance, but are essential to, the quality of life of the communities we serve. As such, we feel we must play a leading role.

We focus our contributions and involvement in support of initiatives and programs that are dedicated to developing the human and economic potential of the communities we serve.

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