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Touchstone Energy® Open raises RECORD \$21,500 for United Way

The 21st Annual Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open brought golfers, sponsors and volunteers together for a day of fun and community impact on Sept. 12 at Castle Highlands Golf Course. Thanks to the incredible support of local businesses and participants, the tournament raised a record-setting **\$21,500 for the United Way of Bemidji Area.**

"This tournament has become a signature event for our community," said Denae Alamano, executive director of the United Way of Bemidji Area. "It brings people together for a great cause, and the impact is far-reaching. To date, the Touchstone Energy Open has raised over \$224,000 to support thousands of local people."



This year's first-place team honors went to Bemidji Sports Centre, represented by Austin Zetah, Jay Hill, Shane Teigland and Ryan Baird.



Beltrami Electric extends sincere thanks to all who made this record-

breaking event possible – our business sponsors, the golfers and the volunteers. Your commitment ensures the tournament's continued success and strengthens the United Way's work in the Bemidji area.



The Beltrami Electric Touchstone Energy® Open Golf Tournament Committee presents a check to the United Way of Bemidji Area. Pictured left to right: Jessica Delaney, Becky Theis, Cammie Vogel, Bob Gregg, United Way of Bemidji Area Director Denae Alamano, Rich Riewer, Kathy Dreher, Jeff Noren, Ayla Kranz and Angela Lyseng.



Season of giving, spirit of community

by Jared Echternach, *Beltrami Electric Cooperative president and CEO*

As the days grow shorter and the air turns crisp, we're reminded that the holiday season is more than a celebration – it's a season of giving.

It's a time for gratitude, generosity and caring for one another. At Beltrami Electric Cooperative, that spirit isn't reserved just for this time of year. It's something we carry with us in every season.

Cooperative Principle #7: Concern for Community

It's one of the core principles that sets electric cooperatives apart. Our mission goes far beyond delivering reliable electricity. We're here to improve the lives of the people we serve – our members, our neighbors and our friends.

That commitment shows in many ways:

- Our Mitten Tree project gathers hats, mittens and scarves for children in local Head Start programs to help keep them warm.
- Through Operation Round Up®, the spare change from members who contribute each month pools to help nonprofit organizations in our communities. A little generosity adds up to make a big difference.

Going deeper

We also invest in the future by supporting local students. Each year, one outstanding young person represents our cooperative on the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour in Washington, D.C., where they learn about co-ops, leadership and civic engagement. It's a powerful way to inspire tomorrow's leaders.

Education and safety are equally important to us. Our employees visit area schools and community events to

demonstrate electrical safety, ensuring children and adults alike understand how to stay safe around electricity. Knowledge is a gift we're proud to share.

Beyond their daily work, you'll find Beltrami Electric employees:

- Coaching youth sports
- Volunteering at community events
- Serving on nonprofit boards
- Working with the Chamber of Commerce to strengthen our local economy.

Giving back isn't something we ask of our team – it's simply part of who they are.

If you're looking for ways to save energy and lower your bills this holiday season, or if you need payment plan options, our team is here to help. Members can take advantage of rebates for installing efficient electric heating systems, heat pumps and water heaters, as well as our electric heat repair program, which may help if your system isn't working properly. Don't hesitate to reach out – we're always ready to support you.

At Beltrami Electric Cooperative, we believe concern for community is more than a principle – it's our purpose. We're grateful to belong to a community that continues to show such generosity and care. Together, we make this a place we're proud to call home.

To our veterans:

Thank you for your service and for all you have sacrificed so that we may live in the greatest country the world has ever known. We honor you and appreciate you for all you've done for us.



BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Beltrami Electric Cooperative's board conducted its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2025. A quorum of directors was in attendance.

The following reports were given at the meeting:

- President and CEO Echternach and the board discussed recent safety successes and observations.
- President and CEO Echternach made his monthly report, including building maintenance, energy sales, economic development, large loads, 2026 budget, Cooperative Development update and additional agreed upon procedures.
- Arlene Hogquist presented the long-range financial forecast.
- Arlene Hogquist reviewed the IRS Form 990.
- President and CEO Echternach and the directors shared highlights of meetings attended on behalf of the cooperative and discussed upcoming meetings and events.

The following actions were taken at the meeting:

- Approved the amended agenda.
- Approved the consent agenda.
- Approved Form 990.
- Approved holding February's board meeting on Feb. 18, 2026.
- Approved director and President and CEO expenses.

The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025.

ARE YOU A SNOWBIRD?

Do you close your home or cabin for the season and head to warmer regions? Do you have the post office forward your mail? Did you know that the USPS will forward your electric bills to your new location, but they will not forward your monthly Northern Lights newsletter? They send them back to the cooperative and, in turn, charge us a return fee for each issue.

A great solution for both you and your cooperative is to notify our member service department of your new address so we can set up a seasonal address for you. You can choose the date to start and stop forwarding, and you can even set up a recurring forwarding address to start and stop the same time each year. By notifying us, you can ensure that you receive your Northern Lights member newsletter and also help the cooperative save by alleviating return postage fees every month. Contact our office at **218-444-2540** or toll free at **800-955-6083**.

You also have the option to not receive a paper copy of the newsletter if you prefer to view it on our website at **www.beltramielectric.com**.

Ensure you receive your Northern Lights newsletter.

PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

Every year, millions of Americans fall victim to identity theft. To help protect consumers, the Federal Trade Commission created the **RED FLAGS RULE**, which requires businesses to take steps to detect, prevent and respond to potential identity theft.

At Beltrami Electric Cooperative, protecting your personal information is a top priority. To safeguard your data, we may ask you to verify your identity when you contact us about your account – such as confirming the last four digits of your Social Security number or providing other identifying details.



If you would like someone else to have access to your account information, you can complete an **Authorized Contact Agreement**. This allows a designated person to make inquiries on your behalf once they verify their own identity with their name, date of birth, and the last four digits of their Social Security number.

While these extra steps may seem inconvenient, they are essential safeguards designed to protect your privacy and prevent identity theft. Thank you for helping us keep your information secure.

NOVEMBER READER'S CONTEST

For your chance to be entered in a drawing to **win a \$10 credit** on your bill, correctly answer the questions and include with your payment or mail to: BEC, P.O. Box 488, Bemidji, MN 56619. Or email answers to **info@beltramielectric.com** with the subject line "Reader's Contest." Be sure to include your name and Beltrami Electric Cooperative account number. **Entries must be received by Nov. 25.**

1. Beltrami Electric will be collecting _____ for children 0-5 years old through Dec. 5
2. BEC members can receive a rebate of \$_____/per kW for installing a plenum dual-fuel heater.
3. Members may complete an _____ form to allow us to give account information to a designated person.

Member Name:	BEC Account Number:	Email address:

Congratulations to our Sept. contest winner: Kimberly Graham

DAILY CYCLING OF ELECTRIC STORAGE HEAT BEGINS SOON

Members heating with electric thermal storage on the off-peak program, such as thermal storage room units, thermal storage furnaces or slab/in-floor heating, should turn on their heating system now to allow a heat reservoir to build up before daily cycling of loads begins. The actual date daily cycling begins varies each season. Thermal storage heating is controlled each day from 7 a.m. to noon and 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.



MEMBER TESTIMONIAL:

HOWARD HEISLER ON THE POWER OF OFF-PEAK



When it came time to build his new home, Beltrami Electric Cooperative member Howard Heisler already knew exactly what he wanted: the comfort, efficiency and savings that come with off-peak electric heating. Having lived with the system for nearly two decades in his previous home, Howard was confident in his decision to make it part of his new construction plans.



Experience matters

"You know, my wife and I are both big believers in the dual-fuel system because there are so many options in different heating systems, especially in the heating and cooling side," Howard explained. "We've been using a similar system for the last 18 years. It's been very worry-free. We still have the original heat pump, original furnace, original plenum that were installed when we moved in in 2008. It's been stress-free, maintenance-free, so we're very happy with the system we have."



As Howard began planning his new home, he turned to Beltrami Electric for support. "I called and talked to someone at the co-op, told them what I wanted, and they suggested I talk to Festus," he recalled. "He just happened to be in the area that day, so he took time on his way back to the office to stop in. We talked for a couple of hours about the different systems to consider for our new home." That personalized guidance gave Howard and his wife the reassurance they needed to move forward with confidence.

Forward thinking

And while heating was the priority, the conversation didn't stop there. As the Heislars worked through their design plans, they also started to think about the future. "When we decided to build, we weren't even thinking about EVs (electric vehicles)," Howard said. "But just as we started getting into the design process and thinking about what we wanted to ultimately have in our new home, we became more aware of the different federal rebates and the co-op rebates on the EV charger. When installed on the off-peak system, it would have basically been zero out of pocket to put a charger in our garage."



For Howard, the decision to stick with off-peak was about more than just savings – it was about long-term comfort, smart planning and the peace of mind that comes from partnering with his cooperative.

Scan the QR code to watch Howard's story to see how off-peak electric can provide reliable comfort, long-term savings and a smarter energy solution for your home.





THE PLENUM ADVANTAGE

Smarter heating for your home this winter

By Bob Gregg, Business Development Manager

Why settle for just one way to heat your home this winter when there's a smarter option? A plenum dual-fuel heater lets you take advantage of Beltrami Electric's off-peak energy program while still using your existing furnace system to keep your home cozy all day long.

HOW IT WORKS:

A plenum pairs an electric heating unit with your current propane, fuel oil or natural gas furnace. The system automatically switches between the two heating sources, choosing the most cost-effective fuel for you. No guessing, no fuss – just efficient, reliable heating.



BEC's Energy Service Team (L to R): Chris Henriksen, electrician; Ayla Kranz, business development coordinator; Bob Gregg, business development manager; and Festus Rockensock, lead electrician.

HERE'S WHAT MAKES THE PLENUM SO GREAT:



Lower energy bills

When your plenum is running on our off-peak electric rate, you're paying nearly half of the standard rate. That adds up to real savings over the season.



Environmentally responsible energy option

Electricity is the primary fuel source for a plenum, making it a cleaner, more environmentally friendly way to heat your home. It only switches to propane or natural gas when necessary.



Lasting comfort

By alternating between heat sources based on your needs, your system works efficiently, helping to extend the lifespan of both your furnace and your plenum.

Plus, when you install your system on our off-peak program, you can qualify for a BEC plenum rebate of \$25 per kilowatt. For modulating plenum heaters tied to an air-source heat pump, you can receive an additional \$500 rebate! It's a great way to save even more while enjoying comfortable, efficient heating.

If you have any questions, our office and Energy Services team are happy to help. Give us a call at **218-444-2540** or visit **ValueofElectricity.com** to learn more about plenum rebates and off-peak heating programs.



Classifieds

Classified ads rules

- Ads are due by the following dates:
 - **DECEMBER ISSUE:** Submit by Nov. 4.
- Ads may be submitted via our website at www.beltramelectric.com. (preferred)
- NO real estate, rental, personal or commercial ads will be accepted.
- All ads must be 50 words or less and typed or printed clearly.
- Editor reserves the right to edit or reject any ad.
- Members may only submit one for sale and one wanted or free ad per issue.
- Ads are published at no charge as space permits on a first-received, first-printed basis, **with no guarantee your ad will appear.**
- Ads are only allowed to be repeated for **three consecutive months** and must be resubmitted each month.
- Include name and Beltrami Electric account number on all submissions.

For Sale:

New Salem Lutheran Annual Craft, Bake & Raffle, featuring local artisans. Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 7491 Island View Dr. NE, Turtle River. ALL proceeds benefit local charities!

80-ft aluminum dock. \$4,500. Good condition. 218-791-2947, leave a message.

Men's 9 Sport Utility Max boot, size 10 (#7481), new in box, was \$149.99, asking, \$120. 2016 16-ft Sylvan Monster, in very good shape, w/graph, bow-mount electric trolling motor, 2 batteries. Asking \$6,000 w/trailer and tarp. Call 218-333-1510 or 218-368-0441.

Toro 22" lawn mower. Great starter runs well. \$35. 218-751-5317.

28-gallon Rhino gray water transfer tank on wheels, used once- basically brand new. \$50. Can send pictures. Call Mike 218-444-4767 (land line no text).

Hickory cabinet pulls, new in packages, steel snow scoops, security mailbox, undercut saw, motorcycle side bags, etc. Storage for your boat, lawn mower, side-by-side, ATV, etc., for the winter months. Clean, non-heated, cement floor. 218-766-2126.

Boat motor. 6 hp Johnson Sea Horse, \$225. 218-368-9320.

Live ringneck pheasants, \$15 each. 218-586-2839.

Old AMF10x child's wagon 34 inch box, old wooden snow sled 48-inch bed – \$40 each, sell for much more online. For the collector, 2 boxes of old hunting magazines – \$25. 218-556-1213.

Used beekeeping: 3-frame crank extractor \$80, adult med. full body bee suit with veil and sm. gloves \$50, adult XL bee jacket w/veil \$40, new child bee suit w/veil \$50, 2 honey buckets w/spout \$15 each, 2 complete 8-frame hives, 2 complete 10-frame hives and more. 218-360-1126.

Remington Model 742 carbine auto 30-06, two clips, 3x9 Bushnell scope, 40 rounds of ammo, \$500. .303 British 1942 bolt action, one box of shells, \$300. 218-556-8623.

Remington Model 11, 12 gauge semi-auto shotgun. 2 3/4" chamber. Solid top rib and some engraving on metal. Very collectable, pre-A-5 design. \$500. Text 218-556-1102.

Mossberg model 510 youth .410 28 boxes shells, some 3-inch. \$675. John, 218-209-1215.

Refrigerator/freezer, 7.3 cubic feet, Magic Chef, white. Great working condition. Cash only \$50. Text 218-209-0897.

Men's clothing: long wool dress coat, double-breasted, dark grey, size 44 chest, \$50. Beautiful black suit pants, 36-34-35. Double-breasted jacket, size 44, \$50. Camel wool blazer, size 44 T, \$25. Tweed black/white blazer, size 44, \$25. Can send photos. Call Rose at 218-766-1686.

2002 IH school bus, auto, DT 466 DSL pusher, 84-passenger, basement model, new brakes. Engine needs work. \$2,495. 218-759-1963, leave message.

Rigid radial arm saw on stand, works well, \$150/obo. 218-751-8746.

Fish house: 8x14 insulated steel exterior, knotty pine interior, crank-down wheels, propane heater. 6 holes. \$3,000. 218-766-4475.

2016 Mercury 60 ELPT 4-stroke outboard motor. Spitfire 10.6x12, controls, cables, rigging, 12-gal fuel tank, hour meter.

Excellent condition. Approximately 90 hours of use. \$6,995. Please call 218-766-1289.

6'x8' Klave aluminum skid fish house with separate sled, stove included, spray foam insulated interior, spray foam insulated floor, 4 angling holes, window in door. \$3,500/obo. 218-547-3128.

RV 2020 Forest River Apex Ultra Lite Coachman – sleeps 9, outside kitchen and entertainment TV, very clean and excellent condition \$27,900. Call 218-308-1440 for more info.

2020 Featherlite 3-horse stock trailer. Never had a horse in it. Used for storage only, \$17,500. 218-759-0186.

Generator: 3500W Predator quiet elec. start \$550. Deacon storage bench unfinished pine. \$135. Old store counter/bar great for man cave \$50. 218-839-4641.

Two wall speakers, light brown wood, \$20. Stihl chainsaw, old, but still runs, \$40. Shoes and boots, men's size 9 1/2, women's size 6 1/2 - 7, \$10-\$20. Parkas and flight pants for really cold weather, \$15-\$30. Aluminum roof rake for snow removal, \$20. 218-586-2884.

1989 Alumacraft Lunker 14 LTD, 25 hp Evinrude EL, long shaft, newer Yacht Clug trailer, \$1,800. 218-243-2958 or 218-368-2058.

8 1/2'x10' aluminum snowmobile trailer with snow guard and a 1999 ZL600 Arctic Cat snowmobile w/1,756 miles on it, excellent condition, \$2,700 (selling together). Display cabinet w/3 glass hinged doors. 44"H x 31"L x 12"D \$100. Will send pics. 218-586-2962, leave a message.

Homemade quilts: Block, Crazy, Star. Twin \$45, Full \$55, Queen or King, \$80. 218-243-2702.

Vision Fitness Elliptical X620 – \$100; Parabody CM3 Gym (weight machine) Make offer. 218-368-1482.

Two vintage sewing machines in their original wood desk cabinets-- "Montgomery Ward" brand treadle, and "Domestic" brand electric. Both include original accessories and instruction manuals. \$350 each. 218-368-4834.

Wanted:

New canning lids and rings, wide or regular. 218-556-2743.

Looking for a snowmobile/ATV project for a 13-year-old to tinker with and learn about small engines. Call/text 218-760-4381 if you have something for him! Thank you.

Looking for 10 or more acres with mature hard maple trees for tapping within about 20 minutes of Bemidji. Call Becky or Tom at 218-444-6213, leave a message.

Homemade sauerkraut in the Bemidji area. Please call Mike

at 218-444-4767. (land line no text).

Free:

Old wood-burning stove, going to need some work. Good for scrap metal if someone wants it. 218-214-0358 or 218-760-6861.

Two older depth finders. Zercom Clearwater Pro and Ted Williams. 218-243-2574.

Aluminum cans, mostly bagged. for tapping within about 20 minutes of Bemidji. Call Becky or Tom at 218-444-6213, leave a message.

Free Firewood. You cut. You haul. 218-751-7693.

NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL?

Energy assistance may be available!

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. We urge you to contact them immediately to avoid disconnection if you feel you are eligible for aid. (Eligibility is based on energy costs, household size and the most recent month of income.)

BI-CAP IN BEMIDJI

6603 Bemidji Ave N
Bemidji, MN 56601 | 218-751-4631

BI-CAP IN WALKER

8245 Industrial Park Rd NW
Walker, MN 56484 | 218-547-3438

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201 4th Street NW, Suite 130
Grand Rapids, MN 55744 | 218-999-0824

LEECH LAKE

115 6th St
Cass Lake, MN 56633 | 218-335-3783

MAHUBE-OTWA

120 North Central Ave
Park Rapids, MN 56470 | 218-847-1385

RED LAKE

15809 High School Dr
Red Lake, MN 56671 | 218-679-3350

We are looking for you!

Beltrami Electric Cooperative is looking for **Courtney J. Barrett, Sr.** (Redby, Minn.), **Roberta Meeshenow** (Blackduck, Minn.) and **Reese J. Kilde** (Cass Lake, Minn.). Please call **218-444-2540** if you have any information.



**BELTRAMI'S OFFICES
WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE
FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:**

Veterans Day

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Thanksgiving

Thursday, Nov. 27



OPERATION ROUND UP® SMALL CHANGE, BIG IMPACT

Beltrami Electric Cooperative's Operation Round Up® program continues to demonstrate the power of community giving. In October, the Beltrami Electric Cooperative Trust Board reviewed 30 grant applications totaling \$76,029.28 in requests from area nonprofit and community organizations. With \$42,011.09 in available funds, the board carefully selected which projects to support, awarding \$42,011 to 26 deserving organizations.

A POWERFUL FORCE FOR GOOD

Through Operation Round Up, Beltrami Electric members voluntarily round up their monthly bills to the nearest dollar. That spare change – an average of 50 cents a month, or about \$6 a year – adds up to make a meaningful difference. Even the maximum annual contribution of \$11.88, when combined with thousands of others, can make an incredible impact.

Every dollar collected stays local and goes directly to nonprofits and community projects. A volunteer

board of five cooperative members manages the program, ensuring funds are used to strengthen the communities we serve. From youth programs to emergency services and healthcare initiatives.

Thank you to all Beltrami Electric members who participate in Operation Round Up – your generosity truly helps power a stronger, more caring community.



The following organizations were awarded Operation Round Up grants in October:

ORGANIZATION	PROGRAM	GRANT
Beltrami County Historical Society	Louis and Mary Lou Marchand Research Room & Library	\$ 2,000
Bemidji 31 Education Foundation	Stronger Classrooms, Brighter Futures: a grant program providing financial assistance to area teachers for student-centered academic initiatives	\$ 635
Bemidji Boys High School Volleyball	Bemidji Boys High School Volleyball uniforms	\$ 1,000
Bemidji Community Education	Pool rescue equipment – new rescue tubes	\$ 220
Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	Youthbuild program – healthy meals for participants	\$ 1,500
Bi-County Community Action Programs, Inc.	Sweet Repeats, Up North Thrift and Boutique final start up equipment	\$ 2,000
Blackduck Area History and Art Center	Assistance with quarterly newsletter	\$ 1,000
Blackduck Area Kids Ice Fishing Derby	Bikes for giveaways at the Kids Ice Fishing Derby	\$ 1,000
Blackduck Area Toys for Kids	Provides hats and mittens and a toy for children	\$ 1,000
Blackduck Senior Center	Reroofing project	\$ 2,000
Great River Rescue	Safety and security of the shelter pets, staff, volunteers and visitors	\$ 1,628
Growing Our Future	Fall herb gardening kits for youth in the community	\$ 1,200
Headwaters Music & Arts	ReImagine, ReCreate, reFresh Workshop at Headwaters Music & Arts materials	\$ 900
Headwaters Science Center	The Electricity Event – new permanent program offering	\$ 2,000
Hope Lutheran Church/ELCA Church	Christmas food boxes for families in need	\$ 1,200
J.W. Smith Elementary – ISD 31	Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine – reward program encouraging positive behavior, regular attendance and a love of reading	\$ 3,250
Kelliher Library & Information Center	HP Laser Jet printer and ink	\$ 574
Lincoln Elementary	Third Grade Accelerated Reading Program	\$ 1,550
Madden McKean Foundation	Funding for Blackduck student scholarships/activities	\$ 1,000
Oak Hills Christian College	Student participation in the 2025 MN Assoc. of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MAARCH) Conference	\$ 1,225
Red Lake Nation College	RLNC Strong Bodies 2025, Strong Community: Investing in Anishinaabe Wellness-equipment for the RLNC Fitness Center to improve overall health and wellness	\$ 2,000
St. Philip's Catholic School	Exploring Careers program – assistance with busing services to area businesses	\$ 1,500
Society of St. Vincent de Paul-St. Phillip's	Hope in Bemidji – helps with past-due utilities, rents, food, vehicle repairs or other emergency needs for low-income individuals in our community	\$ 4,000
United Way of Bemidji Area	Child Abuse Prevention in Beltrami County	\$ 3,000
Village of Hope	Facility upkeep – replace existing bathroom exhaust fans in all residential units in shelter	\$ 2,629
Youth Emergency Shelter & Supports	Laporte/Bemidji schools – food/clothing/ hygiene items for students	\$ 2,000

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Any time you or an electrician does wiring or other electrical work at your home or farm, Minnesota state law requires a state wiring inspector to conduct a proper inspection of the work. A rough-in inspection must be made before any wiring is covered. A final inspection is also required. Find service territories for electrical inspectors here: <https://workplace.doli.state.mn.us/jurisdiction/>

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Anyone who plans to dig is required by law to notify the state of their intentions at least 48 hours in advance. All digging requires a 48-hour notification so that buried telephone lines, TV cable, pipelines, and utility electric lines can be located to ensure that none will be severed or damaged.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To provide excellent value to our members through the safe delivery of reliable electric service, excellent member service and innovative energy solutions at fair and reasonable prices.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



Beltrami Electric Cooperative Inc.

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Connecting Communities. Powering Life.



Beltrami Electric's Mitten Tree: Help keep little hands and hearts warm this winter season

The chill of winter is fast approaching, and Beltrami Electric is once again accepting donations for its **Mitten Tree!** We are seeking donations of **NEW or HOMEMADE mittens, gloves, hats, scarves and socks** for children ages **0-5 years old**.

We are continually amazed by the generosity of our members, and this year, we're counting on that same spirit of giving to ensure every child receives the warmth and comfort they deserve. Whether you choose to purchase new items or craft them with your own hands, know that your kindness will have a lasting impact on a child's winter experience.



All items collected will be distributed to children through **Head Start, Early Child Family Education (ECFE)** programs, and **St. Mary's Mission School** in the Beltrami Electric service area. As the number of children in these programs continues to grow, we need your help to ensure every child receives a warm winter item. Every pair of mittens, every scarf and every cozy hat will go a long way in bringing warmth to a child's life this winter.

Donations will be accepted through **Friday, Dec. 5, 2025**. If you would like to contribute, you can drop off your contributions in the collection bin located in the lobby of Beltrami Electric's office at: 4111 Technology Drive NW, Bemidji, MN.

This season, let's come together to share the warmth and ensure that every child is ready for the winter ahead!

