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Bloomfield's 'C2C' Receives UDWI REMC Community Fund Grant

The Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC's Community Fund donated \$17,450 across 12 local organizations in June, including \$2,500 to Crawling to Cramps.

C2C serves the local community by offering diapers, feminine hygiene products, and other resources such as formula and wipes at no cost to participants. Additionally, clients have access to a "free store" that provides used clothing, dishes, home decor, toys and other household items. The concept for C2C was born in 2022 after studying mission work of different religions, and the organization began distributing free resources that same year.



According to the National Diaper Bank, around 33% of U.S. families experienced a diaper shortage in 2010. Over ten years later, in 2023, that number rose to 47%. In addition to rising diaper insecurities for many U.S. families, the National Diaper Bank also reported that, on average, those experiencing diaper insecurity miss 5.1 workdays in a month or nearly \$300 in lost wages for at minimum wage.

Samantha Edwards, Operational Director with C2C, discusses how donations contribute to the organization's cause. "Without this kind of altruistic, kind, and thoughtful support from giving businesses and organizations like Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC, we would never be able to do the work that we do. There would be no C2C."

The grant awarded by UDWI will be used to purchase diapers and wipes; it will continue to support the mission of providing resources for those in our community using a harm reduction and dignity-focused model. For those in need, distribution is located at 25 N. Franklin St. in Bloomfield. There, distribution occurs from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

C2C is always in need of donations, community volunteers and financial sponsors. Visit the C2C Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/c2cGreene>) to support its diaper program as well as the many initiatives C2C also leads throughout the year, including:

- **Colt's Birthday Club** – To honor Colten David Scott Whelchel, C2C makes sure that every child has the supplies they need to celebrate their birthday.
- **Bike Giveaway**- In June, C2C provides children with free, new bikes.
- **Prom Dress Giveaway**- In March, C2C provides free prom dresses, shoes, jewelry, suits, and other prom necessities at a fun event where prom goers can try dresses on, take pics with their friends in front of a pretty photo backdrop, enjoy some hors d'oeuvres and drink sparkling grape juice.
- **BacktoSchoolooza**- In July, C2C provides local children with new shoes, underwear, and socks for free.
- **Sharing Shanty**– C2C supports a free cabinet that is open 24/7/365 and contains toiletries, food, cleaning supplies, and secondhand items like blankets, movies, books, dishes, fans, and more available at any time to those in need.
- **The Coat Giveaway**– C2C joined another local organization to pass out coats of all sizes, gloves, hats, scarves, heaters, tents, sleeping bags, blankets, food, toiletry items, and much more.

"This donation means the world to C2C," said Edwards. She continues to explain just how the UDWI REMC grant could impact the organization, adding "It means that babies will be diapered and healthy as parents go to school and work. It means families will be able to purchase food and pay utility bills. It means that Greene County and surrounding areas will have families that will have a more stable outlook about diapers and wipes for their children, and our local families can take a breath and feel dignity doing so."

Read the Full Story on 'C2C' Receiving the Community Fund Grant at:

<https://www.udwiremc.com/udwi-news/bloomfields-c2c-receives-udwi-remc-community-fund-grant/>

Office Information

Our office will be closed for Labor Day on September 2nd.



UDWI REMC Community Fund

Please join us in congratulating this quarter's Community Fund winners!



Interested in giving back to local not-for-profit organizations? Call our office to enroll in the round-up program!

C2C

Bloomfield First Baptist Church

Boy Scouts of America / Hoosier Trails Council

Eastern Greene Schools – Special Education Department

Extra Mile Ministries

First Baptist Church (Linton)

Knights of Columbus Council #1166

Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services

Monroe County Humane Association

Open Arms Christian Ministries, Inc.

Pregnancy Choices

Scotland Festival Committee

UDWI REMC 2024 Rebate Programs

Residential HVAC Tune-UP

Members have the opportunity to apply for a HVAC tune-up service incentive valued at 50% the tune-up cost up to \$50.



Residential Electric Outdoor Equipment

Members receive a rebate up to \$50 off new equipment: electric lawnmowers, leaf blowers, trimmers, chainsaws, snowblowers, root-tillers, & pressure washers.



Residential HVAC

Members have the opportunity to apply for the residential rebate program for the following equipment: air source and dual fuel heat pumps, mini-split heat pumps, or geothermal heat pumps.



Residential Water Heater

Members can apply for the residential rebate available for heat pump water heaters and WIFI-enabled electric storage water heaters.



Learn more at “member programs” on the UDWI website



We would like to say **THANK YOU** to our members for their support, patience, grace and kind words in the midst of storm outages. We understand how frustrating it can be to lose power for extended periods of time - and we truly believe we have the best members out there! We would also like to thank our employees for their hard work, dedication, patience, and care during outages.

Your electric cooperative listens.
Help us provide reliable service.

As a residential member-consumer, the better we understand you, the better we can serve you. That's why Utilities District of Western Indiana REMC occasionally surveys our members to identify emerging trends in power usage.

With the help of SMARInsights, an independent research firm, we are conducting an online survey to identify the types of heating and cooling systems, electronic devices and appliances you use. This will help us develop plans to provide reliable and efficient electric service throughout our communities.

Participants in the survey will be entered for a **chance to win one of five \$100 Amazon e-gift cards.**



« Scan this QR code with your smartphone or visit the link below to participate in the survey!
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