



# Co-op Chronicle

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## UDWI REMC Community Fund Grant Helps Teachers Warehouse Purchase \$2,000 in School Supplies for Educators

Teachers Warehouse (TW), a nonprofit organization serving public school educators, recently purchased \$2,000 in school supplies for Greene County teachers. This was made possible with the help of the UDWI REMC Community Fund, Inc. grant, which was awarded to the organization this past quarter.

Teachers Warehouse was founded in 2004 with the mission to serve the educational needs of children in public schools by providing their teachers with materials that will make classroom lessons and school activities more interesting and effective. Although the organization started as a simple Bloomington Rotary Club project, aiming to provide free school supplies to teachers in Monroe County, it has since expanded to serve five counties—Monroe, Brown, Greene, Owen and Lawrence—as well as the Martinsville City Public School District.



"We want the community to recognize Teachers Warehouse as a valuable partner in promoting children's success in school," said Anne Bright, a Board Member for TW. She continued, commenting "Receiving monetary donations, such as what we received from UDWI, helps us get necessary school supplies into the hands of teachers and students, allowing students to be more engaged and high-achieving."

As reported by the National Education Association, teachers spend hundreds of dollars every year on school supplies for their students out of their own pockets. According to Teachers Warehouse, their organization can cut these costs for educators, providing an estimated up to \$300 worth of materials at no cost to teachers. These materials are varied and plentiful—from traditional school supplies to art and craft items, STEM equipment, and even classroom furniture.

This school year, Teachers Warehouse has seen 1,101 educators make 2,402 shopping visits, receiving materials valued at \$320,699 (data calculated by TW through April 11).

"Because we are an all-volunteer organization, we are always looking for community members willing to help out," shared Anne Bright, when asked about opportunities to get involved with the organization. She went on to say, "We have multiple volunteering opportunities all the way from sorting, packaging, and stocking our shelves to picking up or delivering large donations from businesses. We encourage community members to visit us during regular hours for a tour and call our office staff to discuss volunteering."

Teachers Warehouse is located at 524 N Fairview St, Bloomington, IN 47404 in a former alternative school building. Their business hours run from Monday through Thursday from 3:30 – 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.. Outside of volunteer activities, Teachers Warehouse will also be holding a supply drive on Saturday, July 12, at the Kroger stores in Bloomington and at a Walmart location in Bedford.

"Getting involved with an organization like Teachers Warehouse, that is dedicated to serving educators and students, is so inspiring," commented Doug Childs, CEO of UDWI REMC. He went on to say, "By awarding them the Community Fund grant, we hope to further their mission of supporting those in our members' communities."

To learn more about Teachers Warehouse, including how to volunteer, donate, and support your local county school districts, visit [www.teacherswarehouse.org](http://www.teacherswarehouse.org), call 812-812-929-7522, or follow them on [Facebook](#).

Please visit [www.udwiremc.com](http://www.udwiremc.com) to read the full story.



The UDWI REMC office will be closed on May 26 and July 4 in observance of the holidays.

Memorial Day - May 26  
Independence Day - July 4



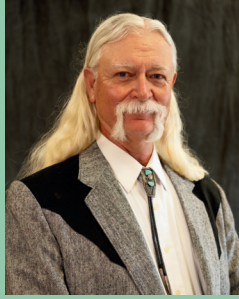
Member Appreciation Day  
June 20 | 10:00 AM

UDWI REMC held its 89th annual meeting on April 23 at the cooperative's headquarters and renewed its Board of Directors with officers Shawn Dugan (District 2) and W. Edward Cullison (District 6) running unopposed. The seven-member board consists of W. Edward Cullison (President), Melinda Hendrix (Vice President), Michael Williams (Treasurer), Shawn Dugan (Secretary), Todd Carpenter, David Kirkling, and Terry McDaniel.

CEO Doug Childs' annual meeting presentation covered a variety of topics including updates on tree trimming, line improvements, safety and training, reliability and member service, fiber expansion, and community support.



**Shawn Dugan**  
District 2



**W. Edward Cullison**  
District 6

# SAVE THE DATE

## Member Appreciation Day

UDWI's 2025 Member Appreciation Day will be Friday, June 20th from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We invite all members to join us for a day of live-line and pole-top demonstrations from linemen, face painting, games, music, drawings for prizes & more!

Food and refreshments will be provided. Visit our Facebook page for more details and RSVP if you plan to stop by!

## 2025 Rebate Programs

Residential HVAC Tune-UP

Residential Electric Outdoor Equipment

Residential HVAC

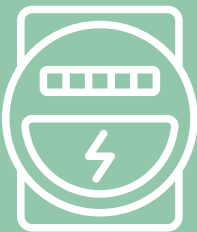
Residential Water Heater



**Learn more at "member programs" on the UDWI website**

## Meter Testing

UDWI meter technicians continue with routine meter tests in our entire service territory and will do so over the next few years. Employees will be driving a white utility van with our logo placard. Be sure to identify these items before approaching any vehicle that may be in your area. Report suspicious behavior to your local law enforcement office.



## UDWI REMC Community Fund

Please join us in congratulating the most recent Community Fund grant recipients!

Autism Rocks and Rolls Corporation

Bloomfield Elementary PTO

Eastern Greene Fire Territory

Franklin Township Community Volunteer

Fire Department, Inc.

God's Hands In Action

Healthy Hearts WRV

Lawrence County Cancer Patient Services

Linton-Stockton School Corporation

Metropolitan School District of Shakamak

Teachers Wearhouse, Inc.

Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene

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Call our office to enroll in the round-up program!**

