

Caring for the community

OPPD employees reach out to positively impact their communities.

Whether it is volunteering, mentoring students, fundraising or donating resources such as blood to the Red Cross, coats to Partnership4Kids and toys to Toys for Tots, OPPD employees actively support their communities to make them better places to live for everyone.

During OPPD's Month of Giving in November, employees donated \$283,260 for nonprofit organizations to provide services to those who are most vulnerable through United Way of the Midlands.

For example, nearly \$7,300 of those dollars went to Book Trust, a charitable organization that encourages reading by providing books to elementary students in 21 states. Active in Omaha and Council Bluffs since 2016, nearly 2,200 area students have benefited from this program.

Through fundraising events, employees collected an additional \$4,500 for OPPD's Energy Assistance Program, which helps those struggling with energy-related expenses.

In addition to giving their money, employees give of their time, as well. Employees volunteered about 200 hours of service during the Month of Giving, including:

- Packaging 1,989 bags of food items for the Foodbank for the Heartland backpack program.
- Preparing food for meals delivered by the Open Door Mission of Omaha.
- Stocking shelves for visitors to the Open Door Mission's Timberlake Outreach Center.



- Ringing bells to collect money for the Salvation Army.

- Serving food at the Intercultural Senior Center in south Omaha.

Year-round, employees volunteer to help others. For example, OPPD has been a sponsor of Partnership4Kids (P4K) for 11 years, through which employees serve as goal buddies and group mentors for underserved students in the metro area. Last year 48 employees took part.

In addition, a group of OPPD employees coordinated a companywide coat drive for P4K in December. The group collected 119 coats, 152 pairs of gloves, 70 hats and more winter wear items.

Also in November, employees donated 25 moving boxes' worth of toys for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots drive.



At the top, a team of OPPD employees gives a helping hand at Omaha's Open Door Mission. Above, another OPPD volunteer serves pumpkin pie during a holiday gathering at the Intercultural Senior Center in south Omaha.

MARCH BOARD MEETINGS

Committee: Tuesday, March 12, 8:30 a.m., Energy Plaza, 444 S. 16th St., Omaha. **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, March 14, 4 p.m., same location. Hearing-impaired may call 402-636-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Meetings are livestreamed online at oppd.com.

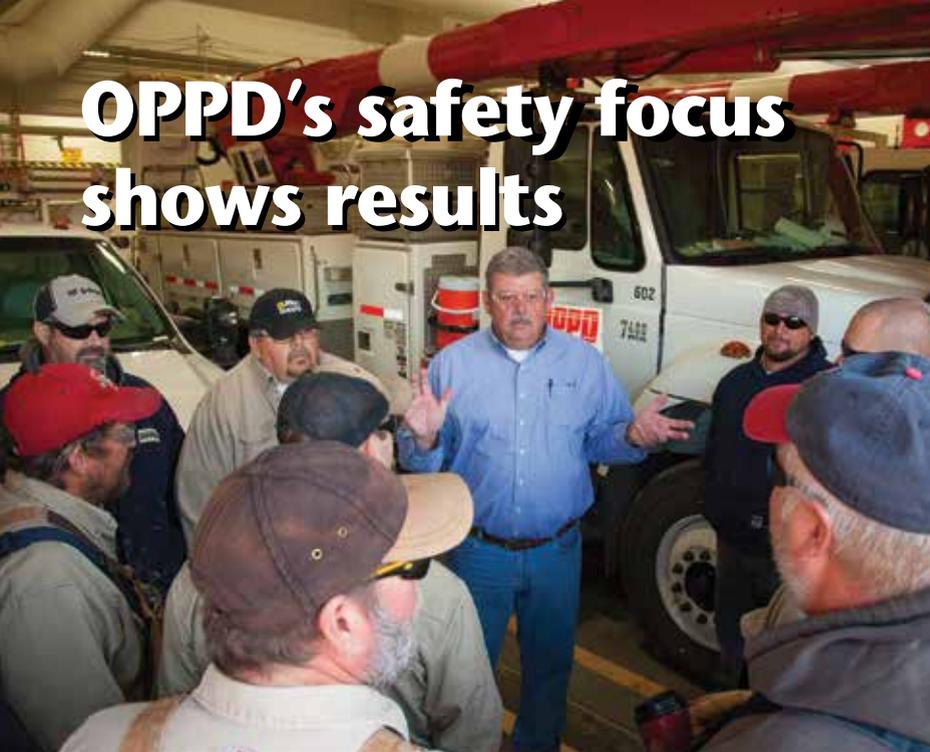
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OPPD's safety focus shows results



Safety is woven into the fabric of OPPD's culture. Our workers are committed to protecting the safety of the public – and each other – every day on the job.

In 2018, employees achieved one of the best years in OPPD's history, based on safety data the utility tracks and reports to senior managers and its board of directors.

Comparing 2018 with 2017, workers achieved:

- A 42 percent reduction in the number of incidents resulting in days away restricted or transferred (from normal duties)

- A 38 percent reduction in the number of preventable vehicle accidents
- 21 percent reduction in the number of incidents requiring medical treatment beyond first aid.

An ongoing safety focus does not allow OPPD employees to rest on their laurels. One of the utility's 15 strategic directives states that "OPPD shall be recognized as a leader in employee safety and ensure the safety of the public" in its daily operations. This directive sets long-term goals to improve safety through continuous improvement and monitoring.

Use a roof rake and stay on the ground

The repeated freeze and thaw of winter, especially when there has been snow, can damage your home's roof. Roof rakes allow you to remove the snow from the roof while staying safely on the ground. Remember these tips to ensure snow removal is safe.

- 1. Inspect your roof.** Often done before the snow falls, an inspection will prevent hooking a loose shingle. Also check gutter looseness, which can be magnified when raking snow.
- 2. Beware of power lines.** An aluminum roof rake is just as dangerous as a ladder around power lines.
- 3. Watch for icicles.** They may be pretty, but they're also dangerous if they fall from an eave. One cubic foot of ice equals about 62 pounds.
- 4. Gravity is real.** The steeper the roof, the faster the snow will fall when you rake it.
- 5. Falling snow can damage shrubs.** Protect plantings by covering them with plywood. You can also take off snow in small amounts to lessen the load of snow.



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