

## Consumers Energy donated \$3.8 million to Michigan nonprofits in 2011

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**Consumers Energy** donated \$3.8 million last year to Michigan nonprofits, according to a news release.

The contribution was a collective effort by the Jackson-based utility, its parent company, **CMS Energy**, its employees and retirees and the Consumers Energy Foundation. "We're committed to this state and to the communities we serve, David Mengebier, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation, said in a statement. "Our contributions and our volunteer efforts are focused on Michigan and making this state a better place to live for all."

The United Way was the largest recipient with nearly \$1.8 million being donated to 61 United Way organizations in Michigan. The Consumers Energy Foundation also awarded \$1.25 million in grants to 10 community projects as part of **the utility's 125th anniversary celebration.**

In Jackson, \$125,000 went to promote education in Jackson's Partnership Park neighborhood.

Other local programs that received support from Consumers Energy include Big Brothers Big Sisters of Jackson County, the Great Start Collaborative of Jackson County, and the Child Care Network to support child-care scholarships for Jackson families.