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Duke Class Benefit Fund Awards Generous \$1.75 Million Grant to People Working Cooperatively

Funding to Enhance Local Nonprofit's Whole House Program

Cincinnati, OH (March 8, 2017) – People Working Cooperatively is pleased to announce that the Duke Class Benefit Fund (CBF) has awarded a \$1.75 million grant for enhancements to the nonprofit's Whole House Program, to be executed over a three year period. People Working Cooperatively's Whole House Program provides low-income homeowners with essential energy conservation measures, home repairs and modifications.

"These funds will allow PWC to extend the amount of services that we are currently able to provide for our neighbors in need," said Jock Pitts, President of People Working Cooperatively. "The CBF dollars will allow PWC to provide more comprehensive services for our customers which will result in a more effective and efficient use of resources."

The grant from Duke CBF was made possible through a recent settlement of a class action lawsuit, Williams, et al vs. Duke Energy International, et al, and will provide critical resources to bridge current problematic funding gaps for People Working Cooperatively. The funding will ensure the nonprofit's entire service package is more effective and complete, and that energy program dollars provide the greatest value to the resident and to the community.

People Working Cooperatively's "Whole House" service model recognizes the efficiencies and improved resident outcomes that come from evaluating a home as an interaction of multiple systems. The nonprofit's corps of service technicians is able to provide a broad range of services to keep low-income residents safe in their homes, including plumbing, electrical, carpentry, HVAC, weatherization, accessibility and lead abatement.

People Working Cooperatively (PWC) was formed in 1975 to provide home repair and energy conservation services to low-income families in the greater Cincinnati,

region. Over the past 42 years, PWC has expanded its role and impact, providing repairs, energy conservation services and accessibility modifications to thousands of households in 19 Counties in Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, Dayton and Southeast Indiana.

To learn more about People Working Cooperatively, visit www.pwchomerepairs.org or call 513-351-7921.

About People Working Cooperatively

Incorporated in 1975, People Working Cooperatively (PWC) is a non-profit organization serving low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners in 20 counties of Southwestern Ohio, Northern Kentucky and Indiana. PWC strengthens communities by providing professional, critical home repair, weatherization, modification, and maintenance services to help residents stay safely in their homes. In the last 42 years, PWC's staff of licensed, trained employees and dedicated corps of 4,500 volunteers have assisted more than 300,000 individuals. For more information, visit www.pwchomerepairs.org or call (513) 351-7921.

About Duke Class Benefit Fund

Funds from the settlement of a class action lawsuit (Williams, et al vs. Duke Energy International, et al) will be used to benefit residential (homeowners, renters) and non-residential (commercial, industrial, business, government, nonprofit) class members, defined as "all ratepayers who received retail electric generation service from Duke Energy Corp. and/or Cinergy Corp. or their subsidiaries or affiliates at any time between January 1,2005, and December 31,2008, in the CG&E/Duke Energy Ohio electric service territory and who did not receive rebates under the side agreements.

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