



Dear Customer:

At this time each year Menasha Utilities reaffirms its commitment to our local community by asking you to be a contributor to the **PROJECT SHARE FUND** which is administered by a local charity-LEAVEN. People like you have given generously to help people who are experiencing financial difficulties and have no other alternative available for meeting their energy bills. Thanks to your help, in the past ten years this program has provided energy assistance to thousands of customers in Menasha and the number of people in need keeps increasing as a result of the economy. The money donated helps real people; a neighbor, a friend or another family in our community. Thanks to LEAVEN and Project Share, many deserving families received help with their utility bill. Here are two stories we would like to share:

*Calvin, a 55-year-old father of two children, was diagnosed with COVID-19 and spent 15 frightening days in the hospital. He went home on oxygen – physically debilitated and emotionally shaken, to begin his lengthy road to recovery. His wife reduced her work hours to be home to care for him. Having worked for the same local manufacturer for 20 years, Calvin was eligible for short-term disability, but at a fraction of his regular wage. This reduction in income caused the family to fall behind on many household bills. LEAVEN utilized Project Share funds to help the family maintain their electric and water service.*

*Joe and Janet are an example of how a medical emergency can cause a financial crisis and upend a family’s economic stability. Joe has worked for the same employer for 26 years. The family of four have lived in Menasha for 5 years. They were always self-sufficient until Joe suffered an injury that kept him out of work for 5 months. He received short-term disability for the first 13 weeks but was off without pay for the remainder. Unable to pay his portion of the family’s health insurance premium, his company covered the cost to ensure coverage. When he returned to work, his payroll was deducted to reimburse his company for their contribution. The combination of an extended lack of income and the additional expenses made it difficult for them to keep up with their utility bill. LEAVEN utilized Project Share funds to enroll the family in a co-payment plan, matching Joe’s payment for three months to help them get caught up and avoid disconnection.*

- All Project Share Fund donations are tax deductible.
- The Project Share Fund receives all donations and pays for client assistance.
- Menasha Utility customers can help assist local families facing energy emergencies by designating your intentions on the attached form. Options include a monthly or annual contribution to **PROJECT SHARE FUND**. All disbursements from the fund are authorized by LEAVEN, a charitable organization based in Menasha.

Please *share* with those experiencing financial emergencies by completing the contribution section and mail it to **Menasha Utilities, P.O. Box 340 Menasha, Wisconsin 54952-0340, or drop it off at our office at 321 Milwaukee Street.** Thank you so much for supporting Project Share.

Sincerely,

Melanie Krause  
General Manager

**2022 CONTRIBUTION PLEDGE CARD**  
**Project Share**

**Monthly Option**

Please add to my utility bill (check one)  \$5  \$10  \$15  Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**One-time Contribution Option** I am enclosing a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Project Share Fund. *Please make check payable to Project Share. This form and your check can be enclosed with your bill payment*