



## Project Share by the Numbers

Households helped since 2010: **13,845**

**1982** Year Project Share was started

Number of outreach offices across Idaho Power's service area:

**20** in Idaho **2** in Oregon

Idaho Power customer contributions for the 2019–2020 Project Share season:

**\$177,980**

IDACORP shareowner donation for the 2019–2020 Project Share season: **\$25,000**

## Project Share Helps Keep Our Neighbors Warm

For the past 38 years, Idaho Power has partnered with The Salvation Army to help our neighbors in need pay their energy bills.

Funded by customer donations and supported by IDACORP shareowners, Project Share works with local energy-assistance offices to distribute up to \$300 per qualified household, per year. The funds are available to help with past-due energy bills, no matter which type of heat a home uses (electric, wood, oil, propane or gas).

When customers donate to Project Share through their monthly Idaho Power bill, IDACORP shareowners match a portion of that donation. IDACORP shareowners also pay The Salvation Army's administrative costs for managing the program, which ensures 100% of customer contributions go directly to those struggling to pay their heating bills.

During the 2019–2020 Project Share season, IDACORP shareowners donated \$25,000 to The Salvation Army, joining Idaho Power customers' contributions of nearly \$178,000. Project Share is

also funded by donations from Intermountain Gas and other utilities, which allows customers from eastern Idaho to central Oregon to receive assistance.

**"Our customers matter to us, and it's so important to ensure they have the energy they need to stay warm in the winter months. Project Share is a great way for Idaho Power — and our customers — to pitch in and help our neighbors in need."**

**~ Theresa Drake, Customer Relations & Energy Efficiency Senior Manager**

In addition to financial assistance, recipients of Project Share receive advice on managing budgets and information on reducing their heating and cooling bills.

Donations to the program can be made by rounding up your energy bill to the nearest dollar or adding a custom amount to your monthly Idaho Power payment.

Programs like Project Share have been helping Idaho and Oregon seniors, families and others with limited incomes for decades. This year, as many in our communities face continued economic uncertainty due to the pandemic, we know those funds are more important than ever.

"Many of our neighbors in need are experiencing great uncertainty right now," said The Salvation Army of Boise's Major Tom Stambaugh. "Donating to Project Share helps organizations like The Salvation Army meet those needs, helping individuals and families feel more secure and stay warm during our winter months."

If you would like to donate to Project Share and help your neighbors in need, visit [idahopower.com/projectshare](http://idahopower.com/projectshare) to fill out a pledge card. Donations are tax-deductible, and 100% of your contributions will be sent to those who need it most.

 **Project Share**



## Energy Savings are Coming to Town

**You're making a list. You're checking it twice. But are your winter habits energy-naughty or energy-nice? Here's our checklist of energy-saving tips to help you practice wise energy use while staying warm and cozy this winter.**

Be extra nice this holiday season by practicing these energy-saving behaviors:

- Turn your thermostat down 1 to 2 degrees and stay comfortable by layering your clothing. Then lower it a few more degrees at night or when no one's home.
- Watch your favorite holiday movies on your DVD player, laptop or tablet, rather than a gaming console. Consoles use up to 15 times more energy than media players.
- Heat small portions in the microwave rather than on the stovetop. Generally, use the smallest appliance to get the job done.
- If you're making a large meal or baking treats for Santa's helpers, try to coordinate dishes so multiple items can cook in the oven at the same time.
- Turn off the lights when you leave a room.
- Make sure your outdoor holiday lights are LED and set them on a timer.
- Plug lights or electronics into a smart power strip and turn it off when they're not in use.

Looking for a few energy-nice gifts to add to your Christmas wish list? Consider asking Santa for:

- Sweaters, blankets or fuzzy socks
- Laptops or tablets
- Electric slow cookers, pressure cookers or air fryers
- LCD or LED TVs
- ENERGY STAR® certified appliances
- Smart thermostats (we have an incentive for that!)
- LED holiday lights, inflatables and outdoor timers



### From the Energy Efficient Kitchen

#### Christmas Kilowatt Cookies

4 cups flour	1 cup oatmeal
4 eggs	1 cup Special K® cereal, crushed
2 cups white sugar	2 tsp baking powder
2 cups brown sugar	2 tsp baking soda
1 cup margarine	1 tsp vanilla

Cream margarine, sugar, brown sugar, eggs and vanilla in a large mixing bowl. Add baking soda and baking powder and mix again. Add flour, oats and cereal and mix again. Spoon onto a greased cookie sheet and bake at 350° for 12 minutes. Makes a large batch.

Recipe selected from Idaho Power's Centennial Celebration Cookbook.

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Dessert



## Yard Inflatables Provide Energy-friendly Holiday Décor

In recent years, inflatable yard decorations have become a popular holiday tradition. Powered by a small fan, the decorations bring to life countless characters and have crossed over to multiple holiday seasons.

Inflatables are also an energy-efficient choice, especially considering their large size. Idaho Power's research reveals the following facts on inflatable yard decorations:

- The fan motor used to keep the character inflated uses a relatively small amount of electricity. Tests showed that an inflatable Santa only required about 10 watts — meaning it would cost less than \$1 for him to be part of your holiday lineup 18 hours per day for a month.
- In contrast, a single strand of 100 incandescent lights costs about four times as much to power for the same time period — and that's per strand.
- Inflatables with lights almost always use energy-efficient LEDs.

Get into the holiday spirit with an inflatable decoration this year or pick one up at those after-Christmas sales for next year. It's a fun and energy-friendly way to celebrate with your family!

