



Relief for Employees to Aid Catastrophic Hardships

# Quarterly Newsletter 2018 Q1

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**CELEBRATING OUR 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY**

## REACH

*A letter from the author of an article featured in Powerlineman Magazine*

As you may recall, part of my interest regarding your organization, aside from the idea of helping fellow employees, was the fact that a lineman was instrumental in its creation.

Through your help and because of the research and reporting on the fund, I found that the efforts of Bob Grauberger were deserving of recognition.

As you may know, the line profession takes pride in its sense of brotherhood and tradition.

After speaking with so many of his family, friends and coworkers, I realized that it was important for Bob to be honored and remembered in a special way.

After consulting with several of his KCP&L (and IBEW) brothers, who agreed to bear witness, I nominated Bob for the International Lineman's Hall of Fame ([www.linemanmuseum.org](http://www.linemanmuseum.org)).

I am happy to say that, last week, I was notified that Bob Grauberger will be officially inducted into the International Lineman's Hall of Fame this spring.

The induction ceremony will take place at the APPA Lineman's Rodeo in Raleigh, North Carolina in April (<https://www.publicpower.org/event/lineworkers-rodeo>).

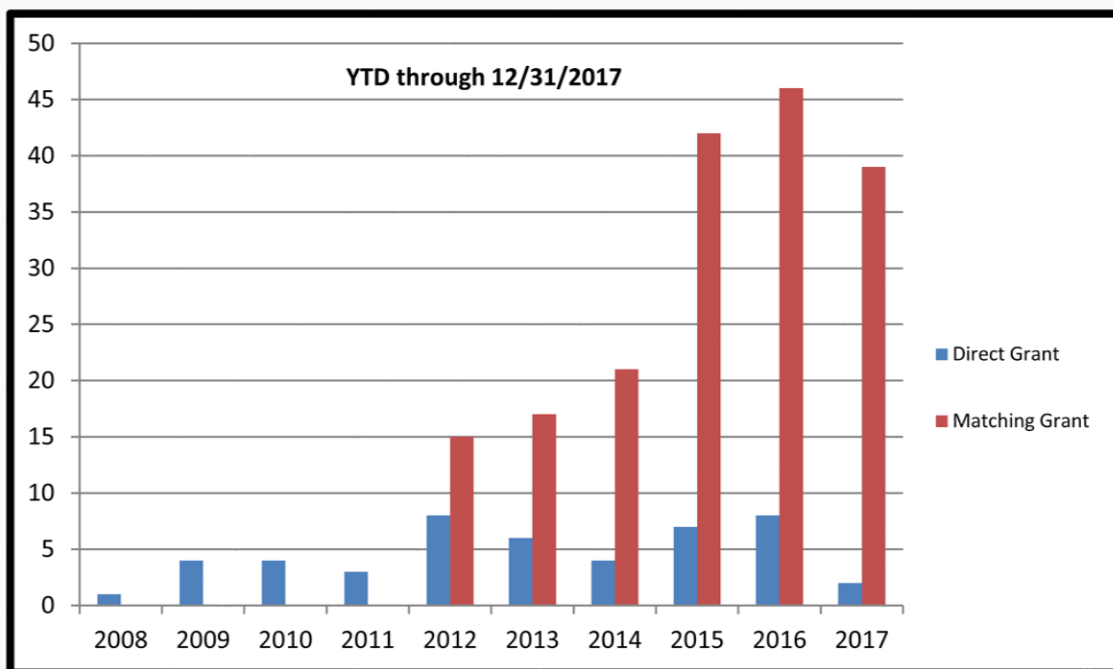
I was thrilled to hear of his selection and hope that you feel the same.

Please feel free to share this information with your KCP&L and REACH coworkers and associates.

## REACH Featured in Powerlineman Magazine (Summer Edition, 2017)



## Grants & Financial Highlights



### REACH Year-end Results

- Fund Balance as of 12/31/17 is \$1,072,826 – **Thank you to all donors!!!!** Please note the constant growth in grants and the average grant amount has increased, which is why your continued support of REACH is needed.
- As of 12/31/2017 we have issued grants totaling \$73,710 for the year. Since our inception we have granted \$547,276.
- As of 12/31/2017 the REACH board has approved 39 matching grants and 2 direct grants. See chart above for complete history. Since our inception we have issued a total of 261 direct and matching grants. Thank you to everyone who have submitted applications on behalf of their co-workers.

### Current Initiatives

**Processing of matching and direct grants.**

**An assessment of all our fundraising events to determine which events that we will schedule in 2018.**

**Inclusion of Westar into our REACH program pending merger**

**Board initiated events for 2018**

**Celebration of our 10-year anniversary!!**

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