The AEP Foundation complements a tradition of corporate philanthropy exhibited by American Electric Power and its regional utilities in support of AEP’s community relations goal: “To support and play an active, positive role in the communities where we live and work.”

The Foundation provides ongoing resources for charitable initiatives involving higher dollar values and multi-year commitments than AEP’s operating companies might be able to provide individually. Funded by AEP and its utility operating units, the Foundation made investments totaling more than $9 million in 2013 to nearly 150 benefiting organizations and communities in our 11-state service area and beyond.
Engineering students at West High School in Columbus, Ohio demonstrate a student-designed robotic ball collector. The AEP Foundation-funded Credits Count™ STEM education initiative will roll out at West in fall 2014.
Meeting community needs in education and basic human needs

The AEP Foundation has a special emphasis on improving lives through education from early childhood through higher education in the areas of science, technology, engineering, math and the environment, and on basic human needs for emergency shelter, affordable housing and the elimination of hunger.

The AEP Foundation in 2013 initiated its signature Credits CountSM dual enrollment program to help students pursue STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) education and careers while completing a high school diploma. Through a $5 million, five-year grant to Columbus State Community College Foundation in Ohio, the program will be launched in the Columbus City Schools in the fall of 2014.

The program will help middle school students explore STEM careers and fill in learning gaps so they are ready to take college-level courses while still in high school. By graduation, participating students will have earned credits that count toward a career-ready certificate in a STEM-related field or toward a college degree in fields that may include energy, the environment or information technology. Together, the accumulation of college credits at no cost while in high school and the potential award of college scholarships addresses two of the largest barriers to attaining a college degree – college preparedness and affordability.

Major components of the program include middle school STEM experiences, college readiness assessments, tutoring, and a summer bridge program to enhance English and math skills. The program is designed to be replicated in other locations in the AEP service territory.

The AEP Foundation also addressed basic human needs through a variety of grants, including the following:

- A $30,000 grant to Hope in Action to support emergency homeless shelter and food programs for individuals and families in southwest Arkansas.

- A $125,000 grant as part of a two-year pledge to the Community Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Indiana capital campaign to upgrade facilities and equipment, and to expand and enhance food bank operations in the Fort Wayne area.

- A $75,000 grant to Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation Inc. to support revitalization of the historic Old Elliston Fire Station into a community food pantry and thrift shop serving residents of eastern Montgomery County, Virginia.

- A $25,000 grant to the Goshen Project to provide nutritional weekend meals to at-risk, low-income students in Logan County, West Virginia, through a backpack meals program.
The American Electric Power Foundation supported the following organizations in 2013:

4-H Clubs & Affiliated 4-H Organizations
Rockport, Indiana – $50,000 for the Spencer County Youth and Community Center.

Action for Children
Columbus, Ohio – $250,000 for research into the effectiveness of the Learning Begins Right from the Start - Adventures in Science Kit to enhance early learning for low-income children and their families.

American Association of Blacks in Energy
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 as part of a five-year pledge for the Caney Scholars program to assist college graduates in completing post-graduate studies.

American Heart Association
Columbus, Ohio – $80,000 to support the annual Heart Walk and My Heart My Life programs to promote heart-healthy lifestyles.

Appalachian Wildlife Foundation
Corbin, Kentucky – $30,000 as part of a two-year pledge to support the Mine Land Stewardship Initiative setting voluntary ecological performance standards for coal mining.

Apple Ridge Farm
Roanoke, Virginia – $25,000 to support Academic Summer Camp for inner-city youth.

Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund (ASPSF)
Springdale, Arkansas – $30,000 to complete a two-year pledge for scholarships to low-income single parents pursuing post-secondary education.

Armed Services YMCA Lawton-Fort Sill
Lawton, Oklahoma – $100,000 for construction and renovation of facilities to consolidate current programming and provide space for new programming for military members and their families.

Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa
Tulsa, Oklahoma – $75,000 to complete a five-year pledge for the Tulsa Visual Arts Center.

Arts In Stark
Canton, Ohio – $25,000 to complete a three-year pledge to integrate the SmArts program into elementary classrooms in Stark County.

Arts United of Greater Fort Wayne
Fort Wayne, Indiana – $100,000 as part of a three-year pledge to support the A Home for the Arts campaign.

Ball State University Foundation
Muncie, Indiana – $20,000 to complete a five-year commitment to support renovations and upgrades to the Ball State University Planetarium and Observatory.

Ballet Metropolitan Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 to complete a three-year pledge to support the BalletMet DanceReach fund for pre-kindergarten through grade 12 arts education outreach.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Ohio Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $125,000 for the 2013-2014 Project Mentor program matching adults with at-risk middle and high school students in Columbus City Schools.

Boy Scouts of America
St. Louis, Missouri – $70,000 to complete a five-year commitment for the Honoring the Past-Securing the Future capital campaign for Scout camps.

Boys & Girls Club of Benton Harbor
Benton Harbor, Michigan – $83,333.34 to complete a three-year pledge for construction of a new youth development center.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Southwest Virginia
Roanoke, Virginia – $30,000 for Summer Enrichment Camp programs.

Boys & Girls Club of Laguna Madre
Port Isabel, Texas – $75,000 as part of a two-year pledge for the Ensuring a Safe Facility for Our Children’s Future! campaign.

Boys and Girls Club of Pharr
Pharr, Texas – $100,000 to complete a two-year pledge to the Club’s capital campaign.

Buckeye Ranch Foundation
Grove City, Ohio – $50,000 as part of a two-year pledge for The Buckeye Ranch Learn.Care.Give capital campaign.

Buckeye Ranch Foundation
Grove City, Ohio – $250,000 for The Buckeye Ranch scholarship program for middle and high school students with severe emotional issues.

CASA
Moundsville, West Virginia – $5,000 for recruitment, training and supervision of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteers for children.

CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence
Columbus, Ohio – $30,000 as part of a two-year pledge to support operations aimed at interrupting the cycle of domestic violence.

COSI
Columbus, Ohio – $500,000 to complete a two-year commitment for the Innovations in Energy exhibit as part of COSI’s Innovation, Education and Experience strategic investment campaign.

Capital University
Columbus, Ohio – $10,000 to complete a five-year pledge for the GROWS (Girls Reaching Out With Science) program featuring women college students as mentors for middle school girls.

Capitol Square Renovation Foundation
Columbus, Ohio – $10,000 for creation of the Ohio Statehouse Museum’s learning center dedicated to civility.

Center in the Square
Roanoke, Virginia – $50,000 as part of a five-year pledge for comprehensive updating of and enhancements to the Center in the Square for learning and family fun.

Centerpoint Community Services
Shreveport, Louisiana – $25,000 to support piloting in Louisiana of a unified management and tracking system of all utility assistance funds
Family YMCA of Lancaster & Fairfield County
Lancaster, Ohio – $20,000 as part of a five-year pledge for purchase and renovation of an athletic facility to serve the community.

Feeding America Southwest Virginia
Salem, Virginia -- $25,000 for fighting hunger in southwest Virginia.

Foundation for Nuclear Studies
Washington, D.C. – $10,000 for the foundation's Congressional Briefing Series.

Franklin University
Columbus, Ohio – $40,000 as part of a five-year pledge for campus lighting.

Friends of the Conservatory
Columbus, Ohio – $25,000 as part of a two-year pledge supporting the Bruce Munro: Light at Franklin Park Conservatory installation.

Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council
Charleston, West Virginia – $25,000 as part of a two-year pledge for the new Girl Scout & Volunteer Resource Center featuring the Girls’ Zone/Urban Camp.

Golden Girl Group Home
Ceredo, West Virginia – $50,000 for Goal Graduation for the Girls at Golden Girl Group Home, a therapeutic group home for girls.

Goshen Project Inc.
Logan, West Virginia – $25,000 for a backpack food program for local youth.

Great Plains Family YMCA
Weatherford, Oklahoma – $50,000 for renovation of the YMCA facility.

Greater Columbus Arts Council
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 for the Columbus Arts Festival on the riverfront.

Habitat for Humanity-MidOhio
Columbus, Ohio – $150,000 for construction of a new Columbus home and Habitat’s Green Building Initiative.

HandsOn Central Ohio Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $40,000 for a new 2:1:1 phone system and directory of local human services.
Healthy New Albany Inc.
New Albany, Ohio – $50,000 as part of a two-year pledge for the Healthy New Albany Initiative to promote healthy lifestyles.

Hendrick Medical Center Foundation
Abilene, Texas – $50,000 for the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center School of Nursing Campus in Abilene.

Highlands Foundation Inc.
Prestonsburg, Kentucky – $50,000 for the Highlands Center for Autism financial aid program for participants in the Applied Behavior Analysis clinical program.

Hilltop Christian Community Development Corp.
Columbus, Ohio – $25,000 as part of a two-year pledge for student scholarship funds for Hilltop Preschool students on Columbus’ west-side neighborhood.

Homeless Families Foundation
Columbus, Ohio – $35,000 for SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids), a family-focused program to prepare children of homeless families for kindergarten.

Hope-In-Action Inc.
Hope, Arkansas – $30,000 to support homeless shelter programs.

I Know I Can
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 as part of a three-year pledge for expansion of college access best practices for Columbus City Schools students and families.

Jefferson Library & Museum Association
Jefferson, Texas – $30,600 for a summer reading program for children at the historic Jefferson Carnegie Library.

Just For Kids Inc.
Beckley, West Virginia – $25,000 for operations of the Just For Kids Child Advocacy Center to create a safe community for children and families.

Keystone Center
Keystone, Colorado – $80,000 for Key Issues and Climate Status Investigations education programs for teachers and high school through the Keystone Science School.

KidsOhio.org
Columbus, Ohio – $100,000 as part of a two-year pledge for improving public education for central Ohio’s disadvantaged school children.

Law and Leadership Institute LLC
Columbus, Ohio – $250,000 as part of a four-year pledge for scholarships for 24 high school students a year.

Learning Circle Education Services
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 for Learning Circle Education Services efforts to help schools advance education through use of data and information.

Little Dixie Community Action Agency Inc.
Hugo, Oklahoma – $75,000 for structural and internal repairs plus equipment upgrades for Early Head Start centers in Isabel and southeastern Oklahoma.

Living Lands & Waters
East Moline, Illinois – $50,000 for inland waterway beautification and education projects.

Longview Habitat for Humanity
Longview, Texas – $70,000 for construction of a new ReStore resale outlet, office facility and construction warehouse.

Lower Lights Christian Health Center Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 for SHINE (Shining Health in Neighborhoods Everywhere) Program to support volunteer advocates promoting healthy living and access to health care in Franklinton and to create the Franklinton Day Resource Center to connect individuals and families with health resources and services.

Marburn Academy Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $125,000 as part of a two-year pledge toward construction of a new school building and program delivery to students with dyslexia and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Maryhaven Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 as part of a two-year pledge to support Women’s Center programs and the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies campaign.

Mason County Board of Education
Point Pleasant, West Virginia – $50,000 as part of a 10-year pledge for a new athletic complex for use by the community and for wellness functions.

Meigs Local Enrichment Foundation Inc.
Pomeroy, Ohio – $50,000 as part of a 10-year pledge for a multi-purpose community complex.

Memorial Health Foundation
South Bend, Indiana – $25,000 for an ambulance for Memorial Children’s Hospital.

Mental Health America of Franklin County Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $25,000 for Pro Bono Counseling program expansion in Franklin County.

Mentoring Center of Central Ohio
Columbus, Ohio – $25,000 for mentor training and organizational staff training for support of mentoring programs.

Michigan Education Excellence Foundation
Lansing, Michigan – $125,000 as part of a two-year pledge for start-up of the Education Achievement Authority of Michigan public system of schools aimed at improving public education.

Mid-Ohio Foodbank
Grove City, Ohio – $100,000 for matching fund incentive for Double Your Donation Day.

Mountain Valley Charitable Foundation Inc.
Shavsville, Virginia – $75,000 to support revitalization of the historic Old Elliston Fire Station into a community food pantry and thrift shop.

NAACP Special Contribution Fund
Columbus, Ohio – $15,000 for the Back to School – Stay in School Parent Conference in central Ohio.

Nationwide Children’s Hospital Foundation
Columbus, Ohio – $250,000 as part of a four-year pledge to support the Telemedicine Program bringing specialized medical services to rural communities.

New Directions Career Center
Columbus, Ohio – $30,000 for core programming including career counseling, employment-related education and information services to assist women in transforming their lives.
Ohio Alliance for Arts Education
Columbus, Ohio – $25,000 for after-school programs through Art in the House/TRANSIT ARTS and the Franklin County Neighborhood Arts grant program.

Ohio Energy Project
Worthington, Ohio – $50,000 as part of a two-year pledge for the AEGIS (Activating and Energizing Girls’ Involvement in Science) Energy Bike energy education program for middle school girls.

Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $4,065 to complete funding for the AEP Foundation Scholarship Program.

Ohio State University Foundation
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 as part of a two-year pledge for WOSU Public Media’s Columbus Neighborhoods community outreach project.

Ohio State University Foundation
Columbus, Ohio – $250,000 as part of a five-year pledge supporting the Pelotonia cycling event to raise funds for cancer research.

Oklahoma Academy for State Goals
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – $37,500 as part of a two-year pledge for the Henry L. Bellmon Legacy Fund to enhance nonpartisan, objective research of public policy issues, expand Town Hall Forums and underwrite participant scholarships.

Oklahoma Aquarium Foundation
Jenks, Oklahoma – $50,000 as part of a five-year pledge for the Extreme Fishes and Sea Turtles Experience exhibits.

Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – $25,000 for the KIDS COUNT – Protect Kids Workshops and Toolkits project to implement policy education workshops.

Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Foundation Inc.
Oklahoma, Oklahoma – $25,000 for the Reading Begins at Home initiative.

Ohio Partnership for School Readiness Foundation Inc.
Oklahoma, Oklahoma – $75,000 complete a three-year pledge to support early childhood literacy.

Partnerships Make A Difference Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $75,000 for the continuation and expansion of the “Growing Together” Service-Learning Network.

Providence House
Shreveport, Louisiana – $25,000 as part of a five-year pledge for Working to Learn, an incentive-based GED program for homeless adults.

Region IV Area Agency on Aging
St. Joseph, Michigan – $50,000 to complete a five-year pledge for the Area Agency on Aging facility renovation project.

Rob & Bessie Welder Wildlife Conservation Foundation
Sinton, Texas – $50,000 as part of a five-year pledge for construction of the Environmental Conservation Education Facility on the Welder Wildlife Refuge.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $83,333.33 as part of a three-year pledge for expansion of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Ohio house.

Science Central Inc.
Fort Wayne, Indiana – $166,666.66 to complete a three-year pledge for the Science on a Sphere global display program and theater.

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana Inc.
Muncie, Indiana – $75,000, including a $25,000 match, for the Capacity Building to End Hunger campaign.

Shreveport Symphony Orchestra
Shreveport, Louisiana – $20,000 as part of a two-year pledge for the Family Concert Series.

Simon Kenton Council Boy Scouts of America
Columbus, Ohio – $100,000 as part of a two-year pledge for the Leadership Development Center.

St. Vincent Family Center
Columbus, Ohio – $100,000 as part of a four-year pledge for the Making Good Kids Better capital campaign supporting mental health prevention, intervention and treatment services for children and families.

Syntero Inc.
Columbus, Ohio – $20,000 as part of a two-year pledge for a multi-disciplinary, trauma-informed, behavioral health treatment program for children, adults and older adults living in poverty.

Teach for America Inc.
Tulsa, Oklahoma – $30,000 for programs to develop educators to address educational equity between low-income and more affluent students in Oklahoma.

Teaching & Learning Collaborative
Worthington, Ohio – $121,925 to implement the Bright Start Right Start-Science Education for Early Childhood Teachers program in Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and West Virginia.

Tech Corps Ohio
Columbus, Ohio – $60,000 as part of a two-year pledge to deploy the Student TECH CORPS program to train and certify middle and high school students and to enable student-run help desks for participating schools’ technology infrastructure.

Texas Tech Foundation Inc.

The Columbus Foundation
Columbus, Ohio – $200,000 to complete a three-year pledge for Learn4Life Columbus to develop a focused birth-to-degree community support system for education.

The Columbus Foundation
Columbus, Ohio – $100,000 for a matching grant for The Big Give 2013 to provide support to non-profit organizations in central Ohio.

The Foundation for Tulsa Schools
Tulsa, Oklahoma – $65,000 to complete a two-year pledge to support the AEP Foundation Community School Institute, Literacy First and literacy tutoring.
The King Arts Complex  
Columbus, Ohio – $45,000 to support the Afterschool Arts Institute, a multi-disciplinary youth arts education program incorporating science and math curriculum.

The Salvation Army  
Columbus, Ohio – $24,833 for matching funds for Oklahoma tornado disaster relief.

The Salvation Army of Shreveport  
Shreveport, Louisiana – $20,000 toward purchase of a 12-passenger van for Shreveport Boys and Girls Club after-school and summer programs.

Tulsa’s Future Foundation  
Tulsa, Oklahoma -- $60,000 as part of a five-year pledge for the Tulsa’s Future II initiative focused on community development, quality of life and education.

United Methodist Community Outreach Program of Roanoke, Virginia  
Roanoke, Virginia – $25,000 to grow the Community Outreach Program serving children in downtown Roanoke neighborhoods through improved transportation for participating kids.

United Negro College Fund Inc.  
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 for the 30th Annual UNCF Walk for Education in central Ohio.

United Way of Central Ohio  
Columbus, Ohio – $100,000 as part of a three-year pledge to expand the Columbus Kids: Ready, Set, Learn! initiative to improve kindergarten readiness in the Columbus City Schools district.

University of Pikeville  
Pikeville, Kentucky – $200,000 for the Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine expansion of undergraduate and graduate programs in the Coal Building.

Victoria Business and Education Coalition Inc.  
Victoria, Texas – $30,000 for the Sure B.E.T. (Business & Education Together) initiative to increase educational attainment.

West Virginia State University Foundation Inc.  
Institute, West Virginia – $150,000 as part of a two-year pledge to support the Full STEAM Ahead outreach to K-12 students to increase interest in science, technology, engineering, agriculture and mathematics education, and to enhance the university’s core research programs in energy.

Wexner Center Foundation  
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 for Environmental Arts Educational Programming for Teens: Art & Environment at the Wexner Center for the Arts.

Wyoming County Family Resource Network Inc.  
Rock View, West Virginia – $25,000 to provide equipment and supplies for the newly opened Power House Youth Center.

YMCA of Central Ohio  
Columbus, Ohio – $35,000 for the Hilltop YMCA Summer Day Camp and the Lincoln Theatre Performing Arts Day Camp programs for youth.

YMCA of the Coastal Bend  
Corpus Christi, Texas – $50,000 as part of a four-year pledge for the Vision for the Future capital campaign.

YWCA Columbus  
Columbus, Ohio – $75,000 to provide additional capacity to serve homeless families at the YWCA Family Center.

YWCA Columbus  
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 for ongoing support of the YWCA Family Center.

YWCA Columbus  
Columbus, Ohio – $200,000 as part of a two-year pledge to support heating and air conditioning upgrades and repairs for the Griswold Building, home to the women’s affordable housing residency program.

Youth for Christ USA Inc.  
Columbus, Ohio – $50,000 to enhance educational and vocational training opportunities for teens in the Franklinton area at the City Life Center.