



Headquarters employees launch “Operation Dan”

Dan Job’s office sits empty as the Basin Electric Headquarters building superintendent serves in Iraq in the North Dakota National Guard 142nd Engineering Battalion. Out of sight doesn’t mean out of mind for his coworkers. Employees launched “Operation Dan” in July to show their support for Job and his fellow soldiers. Valeree King, administrative secretary III, coordinated the event by collecting bag after bag of items such as shampoo, playing cards and sunflower seeds donated by employees. King and other employees then packaged and mailed the items according to strict federal regulations. Thirty-one boxes in all were shipped. Upon receiving the packages, Job expressed his appreciation in a letter:

“Thanks for the many boxes of items that were all donated by employees and their families to make our lives a little better over here in the desert. There was about every item imaginable sent to us. . . . All items were distributed out to the companies and soldiers for their use. We still are limited on what items are available for us to purchase over here so everything we get has a use. Thanks to Basin Electric for allowing this collection of items to occur. Again, thanks for all the support that I continue to receive – it is greatly appreciated.”

Tammy Dewitt, Val King and Grace Baker show off some of the items sent to Dan Job.

Team Touchstone Energy® walks in funds for American Heart Association



Team Touchstone Energy® won the Corporate Cup Award at the 2003 American Heart Walk.

The American Heart Association’s Annual Heart Walk (AHA) was held in Bismarck on Sunday, Sept. 28. “Team Touchstone Energy®,” consisting of Basin Electric, National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC), Mor-Gran-Sou Electric Cooperative and North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives (NDAREC), had more than 100 walkers in attendance. Linda Thomas, Basin Electric executive assistant, was the Basin Electric team captain on the Touchstone Energy® corporate AHA Committee.

Both Basin Electric and NISC held “wrap-around” events – fund-raising events outside of employee donations. One Touchstone Energy® walker, Brady Jochim, raised \$1,700 through letter mailing to friends and relatives. His dad is NISC employee Troy Jochim, a Touchstone Energy® Heart

Walk team captain, and also father to Madison, a survivor. Jochim received the Individual Award, and Touchstone Energy® received the Corporate Cup award from the American Heart Association. Dick Weber, a Basin Electric retiree and former senior manager, was the local 2003 American Heart Walk chairman, and a former Basin Electric student intern, Christopher Volk, now an employee of Medcenter One, emceed the event.

The preliminary estimate of money raised by Touchstone Energy® corporate is approximately \$10,000; however, the Touchstone Energy® total donation was not available at the time of Basin Today production.