

The reality of volunteering additional hours to community endeavors is just as real as the current oil prices.

Even with the current drop, energy companies are still planning events, donating money and building communities.

All signs of a good economy and healthy community growth.

At the heart of any free market, giving back time and money is paramount to its success. It's the way the Capitalism Cycle has always worked. Koerner understands this and believes EnerPlus backs it up with action.



"Our nearly 150 employees donated over 3,000 hours of service in 2013 in North Dakota, Montana, and Colorado. Many also support Enerplus' event sponsorships, or industry events with their participation. Last summer, nearly half of our field staff in North Dakota and Montana – roughly 25 people – helped with city centennials and annual town festivals. We had a strong presence at the Mandaree Pow Wow as well, with 10-15 employees there each day. It's easy to get people to come out and support local events; there's a genuine care and responsibility when it comes to our communities."

Koerner continued peeling the layers and hit on one of the main points in the success of all these non profit and community events - manpower over money power.

"It's great to be able to support various community ventures financially – sometimes that's what's needed over direct manpower. Enerplus is a hands-on company, though. I'm proud to say that our monthly Adopt-a-Well program with the 8th graders at Mandaree School is a very popular event for employees to present at. Coworkers want to take the initiative to

participate in parades, and hand out candy," Koerner said. "In events where we help fix-up houses, or playgrounds, I've even learned which of my colleagues I'll be calling to help retile a bathroom, or fix my sink! The bottom line is that not only do Enerplus employees work in North Dakota, they live there, too. When we support a community initiative, we're taking care of each other, our neighbors, and the people we haven't had a chance to meet yet."



MBI & RSVP+ organized this program with the help of many area companies/churches who help buy presents for these families in need and give children of all ages a chance to celebrate Christmas. We are able to help these families and bring Christmas joy into their home.