

Children's Care Benefit at Elks Club raises \$5,421

With 311 people served and \$5,421 raised, East River Electric Power Cooperative's 44th Annual Mountain Oyster and Ham Feed once again brought awareness and funding for the Children's Care Hospital and School. The event took place on March 13 at the Elk's Club in Madison.

"With East River's long history of giving, I think it's terrific to have the support of the organization and the value that it brings to Children's Care and its families," said Pat Schaefer, vice president of Community relations for Children's Care Hospital and School.

Proceeds from benefits such as the Oyster Feed will be invested within the Children's Care foundation, which is used to support areas of need such as recreation, camp fees, technology and in-service training. The founda-

tion also offsets expenses that the fee-for-service does not pay.

"Sometimes with all of the expenses families have, they can't afford the extra things, such as a dress for a special occasion. This will help with those situations as well," Schaefer said.

Ramie Dahl, whose son Lance receives assistance from Children's Care, attended the event with her husband Kester and children Lance, Jaycy, Kiara and Kyler.

"Children's Care is really great about helping find funding for services and needs you have with a special needs child," Dahl said. "I think it's great that East River is willing to support Children's Care Hospital and School. Sometimes people don't realize what the needs of children are and how much our community does," Dahl said.

Madison Daily
Leader
Madison, SD
Circ. 3006
From Page:
1s
4/15/2008
456819



East River Electric's Matt Gebel (back, left), event coordinator, and Scott Parsley (right), assistant general manager of member services, present a check to Children's Car Hospital and School's Pat Schaefer (second from right) at the 44th annual Mountain Oyster and Ham Feed. Also pictured are Kester and Ramie Dahl and their children, (front, left) Jaycy, Lance, Kyler and Kiara Dahl. (Photo by Mike Lynch)