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REDUCED WINTER RATES IN EFFECT



COOPERATIVES BUILD

Did you ever just want to build something? Have a hankering to get in the garage or shop or the craft room and work on a project? For me, these are satisfying times; using my hands and tools to get something done.

My wife is particularly good at projects like these. She's a quilter. It's amazing to watch her take small pieces of material and put them together into a beautiful quilt. Her work reminds me about how co-ops work; all the pieces coming together to build something really amazing.

Cooperatives build. That statement can mean so many things. And I think it's fitting as we talk about cooperatives across the nation this month. October is "National Cooperatives Month."

In 1938, Jackson EMC was literally just trying to *build* lines to carry electricity to the rural homes and farms in northeast Georgia. They needed to come together to make it happen, so a cooperative was formed. As an electric membership corporation (EMC), Jackson EMC is a cooperative—an autonomous association of people united to meet a common need through joint ownership. Georgia has 41 electric cooperatives that helped build the network of wire that powers the homes and businesses in our state. These are not-for-profit businesses governed by the people they serve, members like you.

Cooperatives build jobs. Electricity is a requirement for industry in our area. Can you imagine running Kubota's half-million square-foot manufacturing facility without it? Or filling orders in the new Amazon fulfillment center without the needed power? These two businesses alone employ more than 1,000 people and Jackson EMC supplies their power. Kubota has several facilities served by Jackson EMC, so does Toyota. These companies like doing business with us because we have a reputation for reliable service. We take pride in providing service that exceeds our members' expectations and as a cooperative, we are run by our members and operate at cost, which

allows us to provide exceptional service at a cost that is 15 percent lower than almost everyone else in the state.

Working together with our local Chambers of Commerce, Industrial Development Authorities and Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, we work to *build* the tax base in our communities by attracting businesses to our area. Jackson EMC serves more than 221,000 meters. Less than 10 percent of those are in large commercial operations, but those meters use more than 40 percent of the energy.

To us, it's not just about keeping the lights on. Obviously, that's what we do and we work really hard to make sure everyone stays safe and comfortable in their homes, businesses and schools. But, we care about our members and *building* our communities. You'll read about the Jackson EMC Foundation in this issue of *JEMCO News*, and while we are proud to facilitate this program, funding these grants is something our members do for this community. That's your money going back into your community. It's a great example of how a group of people can come together with a common goal and make amazing things happen, just like that group did 78 years ago when we started running wire at Jackson EMC.

Across the U.S., we are celebrating the power of cooperatives this month. At Jackson EMC, we work every day to be the best cooperative we can for our members, our community and our world. **Do you have an idea about how we can be the best cooperative, send me an email to chip@jacksonemc.com.**

Chip Jakins, President/CEO

NEED TO KNOW: WINTER RATES IN EFFECT

During winter months, decreased demand allows us to pass savings along to you through lower rates. Winter rates begin this month and last through April.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT JACKSONEMC.COM/RATES AND SELECT SCHEDULE A-16 RESIDENTIAL RATE.

* The Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment and other applicable taxes are also a part of your total electric bill.

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Winter Rates

REGULAR RESIDENTIAL ELECTRIC RATE*

SERVICE CHARGE: \$16 PER MONTH

FIRST 650 kWh: 9.12¢ PER kWh

NEXT 350 kWh: 8.47¢ PER kWh

OVER 1,000 kWh: 8.37¢ PER kWh

Keep the Change:

Find Some Money in the Wash

The average family washes about 300 loads of laundry a year. All those dirty clothes use a lot of electricity, but there are some easy ways to cut energy use and save money in the laundry room.



USE COLD WATER

Almost 90 percent of the energy used to wash clothes is spent heating water. According to Consumer Reports experts, washing in cold water is a much more effective option than it used to be thanks to better detergents. Today's detergents are formulated with enzymes that activate at 60°F. Hotter water can also damage some fabrics and colors.



DO FEWER LOADS

Wash full loads of laundry when possible. If small loads are necessary, adjust the water level. Use your solar-powered dryer and air-dry clothes. You can tumble dry loads until damp and then line-dry to prevent the "crunchy" feeling line-dried clothes have sometimes.



SAFETY RULES

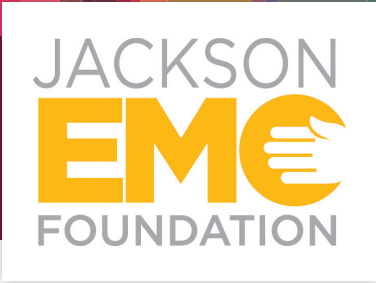
Remember to clean the lint trap after every load to help air circulation. Periodically use a vacuum nozzle to clean the area under or behind the lint filter, where lint can also get caught. Be sure to check the outside air duct too. Removing lint not only keeps the dryer running efficiently but can also prevent a fire.



UPGRADE

One of the biggest changes you can make to save energy is to purchase a new ENERGY STAR-certified washer and dryer. Washers with this certification use about 40 percent less water and 25 percent less electricity than standard washers. ENERGY STAR dryers use 20 percent less energy than standard dryers.

Visit energystar.gov for more information.



FUNDING FOR THE FUTURE

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For 11 years, the Jackson EMC Foundation has provided funding for a multitude of community-based programs throughout the 10 counties served by Jackson EMC. Grants have gone to support food banks and community health clinics, educational initiatives and emergency shelters, and so much more.

As an electric cooperative, Jackson EMC provides power to more than 221,000 meters across northeast Georgia. As a community partner, the Jackson EMC Foundation empowers youth throughout the region.

The impact is possible thanks to Jackson EMC members who participate in Operation Round Up® by rounding up their monthly power bills to the next dollar, with the extra pennies set aside for charity. Jackson EMC Foundation’s volunteer board of directors meets monthly to study grant requests from hundreds of area organizations and distribute grants to projects that impact the





most citizens. The Foundation routinely provides assistance to programs that aid and inspire area youth.

This funding for youth has run the gamut — from providing for after school homework programs and organizations for developmentally challenged children to purchasing library books for kids and funding programs that deliver youth from the influence of gangs and violence.

Read the 2016 Annual Report to learn about eight organizations that positively impact the youth of Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison and Oglethorpe counties.

 THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
JACKSONEMC.COM/FOUNDATION

Grant Contributions Since 2006

					
SOCIAL SERVICES \$4,210,421	HEALTH \$2,016,118	EDUCATION \$1,783,194	SHELTER \$1,737,440	INDIVIDUALS \$931,912	FOOD \$607,500



ADVENTURE BAGS

\$7,500 FOR COMFORT BAGS
FOR DISPLACED CHILDREN

adventurebags.org

The goal is simple: provide security and comfort to a child in crisis. Adventure Bags does this by supplying children with essential items so that, as they transition during a crisis, they have something that's all their own. Adventure Bags President and CEO Debbie Gori is affectionately called "the Bag Lady."

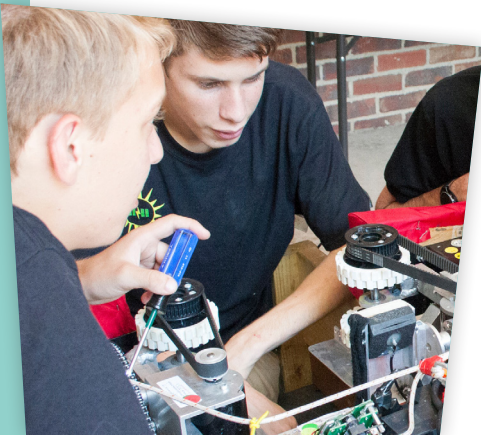


L.A.M.P. MINISTRIES

\$11,000 FOR COMMUNITY YOUTH
AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

lampga.org

The Jackson EMC Foundation grant supports L.A.M.P.'s Community Youth and Children's Program, which features three-month sessions open to children, ages 7-17, at risk of becoming involved in gang activity. Group counseling, community activities and education assistance provide a positive alternative to gangs, drugs and crime.



JACKSON COUNTY 4-H ROBOTICS PROGRAM

\$6,000 FOR EQUIPMENT FOR FIRST
ROBOTICS COMPETITION

team4189.org/joomla/index.php/about-us

For six weeks each winter, the Jackson County 4-H Robotics Team lives, breathes, eats and sleeps robotics. It's practically a must when competing in the FIRST Robotics Competition. The acronym stands for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology" and the global competition reinforces STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills while inspiring innovation and promoting life skills.



C.O.R.E.

\$10,000 FOR PROGRAM COSTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

mulherinfoundation.com

C.O.R.E. improves the lives of adolescents struggling with weight by promoting Confidence, Ownership, Responsibility and Exercise through a 12-week program of high intensity, high impact exercise and instruction on healthy eating and behavior modification. At the end of three months, C.O.R.E. participants find themselves stronger, more confident and more interested in fitness. Coach Chris Jordan works out with C.O.R.E. participants at the punching bags.

OPERATION ROUNDUP: YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION AWARDS \$92,275 IN GRANTS IN JULY

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total \$92,275 in grants during its July meeting, including \$88,775 to organizations and \$3,500 to an individual.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$15,000 | Food Bank of Northeast Georgia
In Athens for its monthly Mobile Pantry Program, which distributes large quantities of food before its expiration date through partner agencies in seven counties served by Jackson EMC, eliminating the need for the agencies to store the food and allowing the food bank to distribute thousands of pounds of food to those in need at a fraction of the cost.

\$15,000 | Hi-Hope Service Center
In Lawrenceville to help fund part-time nursing and nutrition services for 20 developmentally disabled residents from Gwinnett and Barrow counties, providing services such as daily medication, insulin, blood checks and specialized medical treatment to residents who require onsite nursing care.

\$15,000 | View Point Health
A Gwinnett County agency providing support to clients with behavioral health conditions, addictive diseases and developmental disabilities, to provide uninsured and underinsured clients with primary and specialty health care by assisting with copays for office visits, lab work and pharmacy screenings through Four Corners Primary Care.

\$10,000 | Gwinnett Council for the Arts
To help fund The Healing Arts, an art-centered program for people who are facing or in the midst of a medical, physical or emotional crisis that provides a safe outlet for them to come to terms with emotional conflicts, increase self-awareness and express unspoken and often unconscious concerns about their illness and lives.

\$10,000 | Lilburn Cooperative Ministry
To provide 40 needy families with \$250 assistance for rent or mortgage payments annually, helping them to avoid foreclosure or eviction.

\$10,000 | Tiny Stitches, Inc.
In Suwanee, which uses a network of volunteers to make handmade tote bags filled with a 37-item layette that will keep an infant warm and dry for the first 2-3 months of life, donated to mothers in Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson and Lumpkin counties who have little or nothing for their newborns.

\$7,500 | Ser Familia
A comprehensive social services program in Buford for Latino families, to provide culturally and linguistically appropriate mental health counseling services, including domestic violence, sexual abuse and suicide counseling.

\$3,180 | Madison County Youth Leadership Development Program
Which uses instructional materials from the University of Georgia's Fannin Institute to teach Madison County High School students skills that will allow them to be effective leaders, for a ropes course at Camp Mikell Blue Ridge Outdoor Center and instructor/participant manuals.

\$3,095 | Dahlonega Care Center
For its Pregnancy Resource Center's Earn While You Learn program, which provides life skills training necessary for successful parenting while earning credits that can be used for childcare essentials such as diapers, wipes, formula and baby clothes.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$3,500 to work in partnership with Habitat for Humanity to replace the leaking roof on the home of a disabled senior citizen.

JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION AWARDS \$105,500 IN GRANTS IN AUGUST

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total \$105,500 in grants during its August meeting, including \$98,500 to organizations and \$7,000 to individuals.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$15,000 | Center Point Georgia
To provide in-school therapeutic counseling to school-age children and their families through its Wilheit Services, and to offer the Smart Girls program that builds character skills to help girls make healthy choices, to students in Gainesville and Hall County schools.

\$15,000 | Challenged Child & Friends
A Gainesville nonprofit organization providing educational, therapeutic, nursing and family support services to children with disabilities in all counties served by Jackson EMC, to support the Early Intervention Program that provides special needs children with classroom instruction, individualized therapy and nursing services.

\$15,000 | Habitat for Humanity of Jackson County
To purchase materials such as plumbing, electrical, HVAC and cabinets that have not been donated for its 14th house, being built for a single father of two teenagers, and its 15th house, being built for a single mother with five children.

\$15,000 | Salvation Army – Lawrenceville
For the Family Emergency Services program, which prevents homelessness and stabilizes families by providing rent or mortgage financial assistance directly to the landlord or property holder; the agency provided 268 families with rent assistance in 2015.

\$10,000 | Salvation Army – Athens
Which serves Clarke, Madison and Oglethorpe counties, for emergency shelter operations and to provide food to shelter residents and those in the community who are hungry and seek a meal at the nightly free dinner; the Athens agency provided 17,050 individuals with emergency shelter and served 31,612 meals last year.

\$10,000 | Salvation Army – Gainesville
Which serves Banks, Barrow, Hall and Jackson counties, for emergency shelter operations and to provide food to shelter residents and those in the community who are hungry and seek a meal at the nightly free dinner; the Gainesville agency provided 5,338 individuals with emergency shelter and served 7,567 meals last year.

\$7,500 | Habitat for Humanity of Hall County
For HVAC, electrical, roofing and flooring for a home being built under the Women Build

program in Cooper Glen, the first Habitat Hall subdivision, for a single mother with two children who lost their home to a fire that severely burned her daughter.

\$6,000 | Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta
To offer The Girl Scout Leadership Experience, a program which impacts 15 developmental outcomes to help girls discover their own strengths, connect with others in healthy relationships and become more resourceful problem solvers, to 203 Gwinnett County girls.

\$5,000 | Penfield Christian Homes
A Georgia nonprofit Christian ministry that provides substance abuse treatment for women and men so that they may return to their families, jobs, churches and communities as productive citizens, to help fund treatment for individuals with no financial resources in all counties served by Jackson EMC.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$3,500 to help purchase a handicap accessible van for a handicapped 11-year-old boy.

\$3,500 to replace the leaking roof of a disabled senior citizen.

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MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS

Slow Cooker Easy Southwest Chicken



“ This dish is so wicked easy to make and it freezes well. ”

- LYNDA LOWERY, COMMERCE, GA

INGREDIENTS:

- 4-6 boneless breasts of chicken (cut into 2-inch strips)
- 1 yellow pepper (sliced)
- 1 green pepper (sliced)
- 1 medium zucchini (cut into bite sized chunks)
- 1 small onion (cut into wedges)
- 1/2 cup of water
- 2 packages fajita seasoning mix
- 1 tsp of chili powder
- 2/3 cup salsa
- 1 cup frozen corn
- 1 can black beans (drained)
- 1 small can green chilies

DIRECTIONS:

- Place chicken in bottom of slow cooker.
- Add sliced vegetables.
- Mix water, fajita seasoning and chili powder. Pour over vegetables and chicken.
- Add salsa, corn, black beans and chilies.
- Cook on low for 6-8 hours or on high for about 4 hours.
- Serve on tortillas with shredded cheddar cheese and sour cream.



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