



SUSTAINING RELIABLE ELECTRICITY

We've all heard the phrase, "Don't put all your eggs in one basket." By spreading your assets across multiple "baskets," you can lower the risk of being in a dire situation. This commonsense approach also applies to how we ensure you have reliable electricity.

Our team is always looking ahead, exploring ways to innovate and use new technologies to improve our services. A mix of energy resources used to generate reliable electricity is one critical component. We serve our members with a diverse portfolio of energy from natural gas, coal, hydroelectric resources, solar and nuclear.

While we're increasingly using more electricity generated from renewable energy sources, we still rely on natural gas and coal-powered plants to generate electricity to ensure your power remains stable and reliable.

Nuclear power is among the most dependable sources, generating electricity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Plant Vogtle supplies nuclear energy to our wholesale power cooperative, Oglethorpe Power.

Plant Vogtle's Unit 3 recently started commercial operation and is expected to generate clean, reliable energy for the next 60 to 80 years. Once Vogtle Unit 4 is completed, which we expect next year, those units will generate enough electricity to power an estimated one million homes and businesses in Georgia.

That's important because we're seeing more increased reliance on the electric grid as the economy continues to grow and the increased need for electricity grows with it. Jackson EMC constantly looks toward future growth trends and long-range forecasts to stay on top of the changing energy demands. We plan for the future to ensure we have reliable, affordable, and dependable supply to meet the needs of our growing membership.

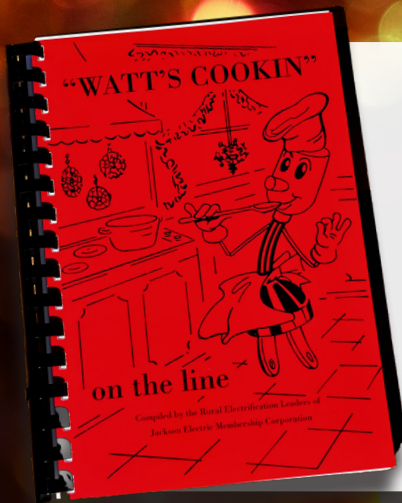
We even have plans for managing the grid through extreme weather conditions

- from the heat of summer to the cold of winter. We monitor, analyze and forecast how weather conditions could impact our ability to bring you electricity. Our diverse energy mix plays a fundamental role in providing you with stable electricity regardless of what comes our way.

As our nation increasingly depends on electricity to power our lives, Jackson EMC is working to anticipate, plan and respond to consumer demand. That's how we can power your home and community, while continuing to serve as your local energy provider.



CHIP JAKINS
President & CEO



Cookbook Available at Jackson EMC's Local Offices

A Great Holiday Gift!

Jackson EMC's vintage cookbook, "Watt's Cookin' on the Line," is available to purchase for \$5 at our local offices.

The cookbook features recipes submitted by Jackson EMC members and debuted in December 1965. The cookbook sold out during the holidays last year and is available to buy this holiday season with its original recipes dating back seven decades.

 YOU CAN FIND MORE RECIPES FROM MEMBERS IN *JEMCO NEWS* AND ONLINE AT [JACKSONEMC.COM/RECIPES](https://www.jacksonemc.com/recipes)



Jackson EMC Linemen WIN TOP AWARD at International Lineman's Rodeo

A Jackson EMC journeyman lineman team was named the top electric cooperative team at the 39th Annual International Lineman's Rodeo in Bonner Springs, Kansas on Saturday, October 14. The competition included more than 1,300 lineworkers, who were judged on speed, agility, technique and safe working procedures.

Jackson EMC sent four journeyman lineman teams and six apprentices to the international competition. A total of 292 journeyman lineman teams and 440 apprentices from electric cooperatives, investor-owned utilities, municipal utilities, contractors and electric providers for the military competed at the event. Apprentices compete as individuals, while journeymen compete in teams of three.

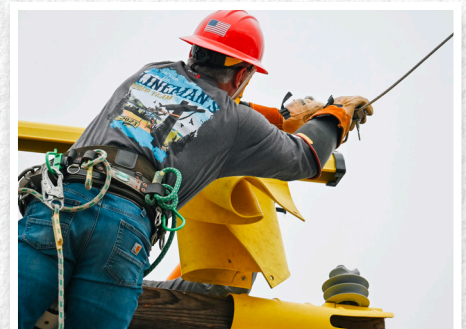
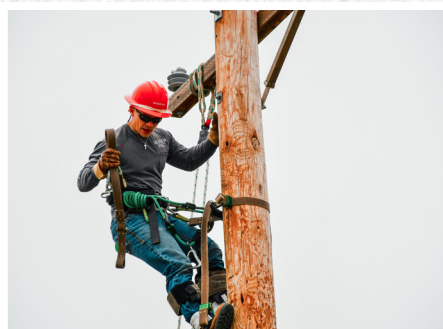
Apprentices and journeyman teams compete in the hurt man rescue and pole climb events as well as two mystery events revealed the day before the competition. Apprentices also complete a written test as a part of their overall scores. Competitors are scored on skill and speed for completing tasks for each event. Congratulations to all the linemen who competed and thanks to families for their support.

Team Honors Include:

- A journeyman lineman team with **Jeremy Adams, Kaleb Chapman** and **Jeff Sutton**, of Jefferson and Oakwood, won first place overall in the electric cooperative division and placed third as the top overall team at the International Lineman's Rodeo. In addition, they placed third in the crossarm changeout event and 10th in the jumper changeout event.
- **Justin Roper, Matt Tolar** and **Austin Yearwood**, all of Oakwood, won second place overall in the electric cooperative division for journeyman lineman teams and ninth overall.
- **Justin Cash, Austin Gragg** and **Devin Triplett**, all of Jefferson, placed third in the hurt man rescue event among journeyman lineman teams and 10th overall in the electric cooperative division.
- A team with **Brett Hurst, Kevin Grant** and **Scotty Tompkins**, all of Oakwood, placed third in the senior division of journeyman lineman teams.

Apprentice Honors Include:

- **Walt Palmer**, of Gwinnett, finished first in the hurt man rescue.
- **Shawn Thurston**, of Gwinnett, finished in second place in the hurt man rescue and second place in pole climb.
- **Austin Lewis**, of Neese, finished in second place in the guy preform changeout event, fifth in the arrestor changeout event and eighth in the hurt man rescue among all apprentices.

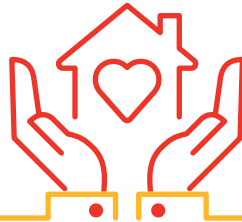


JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION

2023 COMMUNITY IMPACT

More than **\$1.1 Million**
Member Donations Invested
in the Community This Year

Your impact in the community is amazing. Thanks to your contributions to Operation Round Up®, the Jackson EMC Foundation has awarded grants to organizations making a difference in the lives of others. These are a few examples of your generosity impacting the community:



5,294

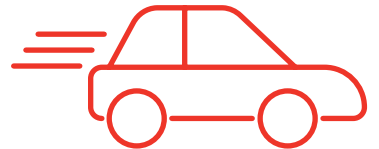
nights of shelter provided for those in need of a place to sleep

94,460



meals served through food pantries and food banks

600



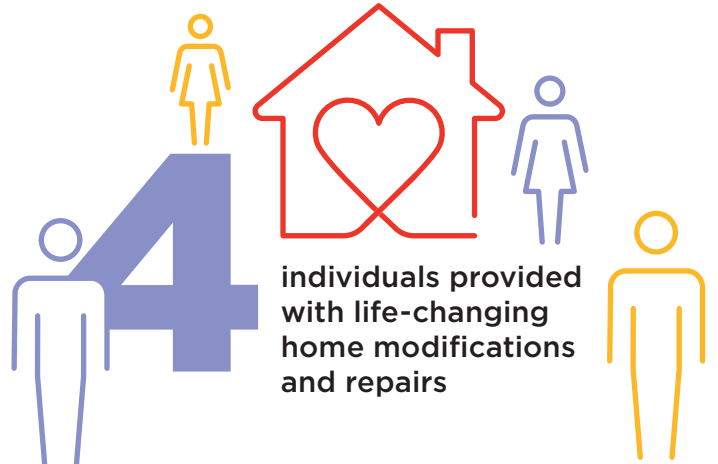
rides provided for women in need of emergency transportation

16,941

youth engaged through camp experiences, after school support and mentor programs

1,568

counseling and therapy sessions



individuals provided with life-changing home modifications and repairs

2,563 individuals provided with medical training



3,083 patients received medical supplies and services



14,289 bags of food delivered to children and seniors

59,115



diapers provided for **1,080** babies

Since its founding in 2005, the Jackson EMC Foundation has awarded grants totaling nearly

\$20 million

to organizations and individuals in the 10 counties serviced by Jackson EMC.



The Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors includes local community leaders who represent Jackson EMC members to distribute contributions through **Operation Round Up**® for charitable purposes.

This year, the Foundation board members' and staff's collaborative efforts included:

CONNECTING

250

nonprofit leaders who attended 8 board development sessions hosted by the Foundation.

VISITING

60

nonprofit organizations

ENGAGING WITH

11

summer camp youth groups



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION, VISIT [JACKSONEMC.COM/FOUNDATION](https://jacksonemc.com/foundation).

Empowering Communities:

Apply for a grant from the Jackson EMC Foundation



The strength of a community lies in the passion, dedication, and collaborative efforts of individuals coming together for a common cause. If you are part of an organization making a positive impact in your community, you have the unique opportunity to apply for a Jackson EMC Foundation grant.

Nonprofit organizations and individuals in need are invited to apply for a grant from the Jackson EMC Foundation.

The Foundation considers grant requests for programs funding:

- Human need
- Education (except for academic scholarships)
- Physical and emotional development
- Food and Shelter
- Counseling and mentoring
- Literacy
- Health and medical initiatives
- Disaster-related initiatives

Individuals and organizations can receive only one grant award from the Foundation each year. Awards are limited to \$5,000 for individuals and \$20,000 for organizations. Organizations must serve individuals in the 10 counties served by Jackson EMC. For more information and to apply for a grant, visit jacksonemc.com/foundation.

\$126,020 IN GRANTS RECENTLY AWARDED

The Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors awarded \$126,020 to organizations during its recent meeting.

Organizational Grant Recipients:

\$20,000 to Neighborhood Meals on Wheels Inc., Norcross, to purchase a van that will help the organization expand its meal delivery services in Gwinnett County.

\$15,000 to Buford First United Methodist Church for its Sack Kids Hunger relief program that provides weekend food bags for children in need in Gwinnett and Hall counties.

\$15,000 to iServe Ministries, Jefferson, for its Bags of Love program, which delivers a backpack full of food to families in need in Jackson and Madison counties.

\$15,000 to New Path 1010, Inc., Bethlehem, to purchase 1,875 bags of food for its Weekend Food Bag program for children in need in Barrow County.

\$15,000 to Nothing But the Truth, Inc., Dacula, to purchase 3,333 bags of food for children in Barrow and Gwinnett counties for its Weekend Food Bag program.

\$15,000 to Straight Street Revolution Ministries, Inc., a nonprofit providing a support system to those in need in the Gainesville community, to purchase food to place in 6,410 bags in its Backpack Love program, which gives students in need with a backpack filled with food for each weekend.

\$11,520 to The Block Community Outreach, Inc., Sugar Hill, to provide 768 “break boxes” for school holiday breaks as part of its Weekend Food Program for children in need in Gwinnett County.

\$10,000 to Athens Community Council on Aging, Inc., serving Barrow, Clarke, Jackson and Madison counties, for educational workshops, support groups, food and personal care supplies, and a nurse for families participating in its Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program, which supports grandparents who are primary caregivers for their grandchildren.

\$5,000 to Canopy Studio, Inc., Athens, for 24 student sponsorships from Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Jackson, Madison and Oglethorpe counties for its Canopy Outreach program, an aerial arts program that serves students with autism, developmental disabilities, behavioral and emotional disorders.

\$4,500 to Lumpkin County Family Connection, Dahlonega, to purchase food for its Backpack Buddies program, which provides meals, snacks and drinks each week to children in Lumpkin County identified as food insecure.

Save Money and Energy on Smart Thermostats and More Through the Jackson EMC Marketplace

Finding a deal on energy-efficient products is easier than you think, thanks to the Jackson EMC Marketplace. Jackson EMC members can receive instant rebates on smart thermostats purchased through the Jackson EMC Marketplace. You can also find deals on LED light bulbs, water-saving fixtures, air purifiers, dehumidifiers and EV chargers.

David Birdsong, a member in Lawrenceville, recently purchased two smart thermostats through the Jackson EMC Marketplace.

“The sale price was significantly cheaper than Amazon.”

DAVID BIRDSONG, *Lawrenceville*

Charlene Mebane-Johnson, a member in Duluth, also shops the Jackson EMC Marketplace regularly.

“This month was the first that really caught my attention, and I finally made a purchase at a good price and very practical.”

CHARLENE MEBANE-JOHNSON, *Duluth*

With the holidays, the Jackson EMC Marketplace offers several deals on products that would make great gifts for family and friends.



Google Nest Learning Thermostat Stainless Steel



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Ready, Set, GO!

Charging Made Easy for EV Owners in New Homes

Going electric introduces a new aspect to owning a car – the process of charging your EV at home. A new townhome development in Gwinnett County is making that process little easier for homebuyers.

Rockfern Place in Norcross is Jackson EMC’s first “EV Make Ready” residential development that features pre-installed 240-volt outlets in garages to charge EVs faster as an add-on to the cooperative’s Right Choice new home program.

Typically, households have standard 110-volt outlets that are compatible with Level 1 chargers, which are slower. A Level 2 charger is faster, but requires a higher-voltage connection. Jackson EMC recommends members considering installing a Level 2 EV charger or 240-volt outlet should contact a licensed electrician.

“By installing a 240-volt outlet in new homes, builders have eliminated the need for homeowners to go through the extra steps and costs of hiring an electrician for EV charging setup,” said Nelson McGinnis, Jackson EMC’s manager of residential new development.



The Jackson EMC Marketplace also offers a rebate for members who purchase a Level 2 EV charger through the online store.

“Builders, like members, have become more interested in technology and ways to make homes more energy efficient,” McGinnis said.

Rockfern Place is a Right Choice subdivision. Right Choice homes are built exclusively in Jackson EMC’s service area with exceptional standards for energy efficiency and comfort. Right Choice homeowners also benefit from Jackson EMC’s lowest residential energy rate.

“We’re excited that Jackson EMC has been involved throughout the process of designing and building these new homes and we look forward to similar developments in the future,” McGinnis said.

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MEMBERS MAKE IT DELICIOUS

Chocolate Fudge Cake



INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups of sugar
- 2 cups chopped nuts (mostly pecans)
- 3/4 cup butter or margarine
- 2 cups flour
- 4 eggs
- 3/4 cup cocoa
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract

DIRECTIONS:

Cream butter and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each. Add nuts and vanilla. Mix flour and cocoa and add to mixture. Mix well.

Pour batter into a greased tube pan and bake in a 300-degree oven for 1 1/2 hours. Cool for 20-30 minutes.

“ This recipe is at least 200 years old. My mother-in-law, Hattie Lou Dykes, ate this as a child and the recipe was given to her when she married. I watched her cook this cake in an iron skillet on a wood stove. She gave the recipe to me when I married her son in 1945. I’m 98 years old and I recently baked this cake and it’s as good as ever. ”

MAXINE DYKES, Lawrenceville



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