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YOU'RE A MEMBER OF A COOPERATIVE

Across the country, we're celebrating the power of cooperatives this month. Cooperatives come in all shapes and sizes and provide many products and services. You may recognize some of these cooperative brands and products: REI, Land O'Lakes, Florida's Natural Orange Juice, Ocean Spray and many others. Jackson EMC, for example, is one of more than 900 electric co-ops serving members across the United States.

You can take pride in being part of something special as a member of a cooperative. I've always been excited about the power that cooperatives give to a group of people to accomplish big tasks that they may never have been able to do alone. That's what happened when rural families in our area worked together more than 80 years ago to bring electricity to their local community by establishing Jackson EMC.

When you're part of a co-op family, you're a member – not a customer. And at your local electric cooperative, Jackson EMC, you're part of a large and growing family. In fact, Jackson EMC is the second largest electric cooperative in the U.S. We're proud to serve you by providing safe, reliable and affordable electricity to your homes and businesses.

So, what's different about being a member of a cooperative? To start, when you're a member of a co-op, you have a say in how the cooperative is run. That means, as members, you have a voice. You elect the board directors, who are also members of Jackson EMC, to make decisions about how we govern the co-op. At Annual Meeting each year, you elect fellow members to the board of directors and learn more about how the

co-op is doing. Over the years, I've been to many Annual Meetings. And each year, I'm reminded how Annual Meeting is like a family reunion – bringing together members to enjoy food and fellowship, while participating in the business of the co-op. It's one of the many opportunities you have to see the cooperative principles at work.

Another key difference is that cooperatives operate to provide at-cost electric service to their members. When the co-op has income remaining after all expenses are paid, your board of directors can return those excess funds to members. We call those margin refunds. Since Jackson EMC was founded in 1938, more than \$147 million has been returned to members. This year alone, we're returning \$12 million.

We know at the end of the day, in the homes, on the farms, and in the other businesses we serve, that the people in our local community just want the lights to come on when they flip a switch. As a cooperative member, you can take pride in helping to make that happen. We accomplish great things when we work together, cooperatively!

Have a story to share about your participation in your cooperative? Send me an email at chip@jacksonemc.com.

**Chip Jakins,
President/CEO**

KENNETH LUMPKIN APPOINTED TO JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Winder native Kenneth Lumpkin has been appointed to the Jackson EMC Foundation Board of Directors. Lumpkin is Executive Vice President and Chief Lending Officer for Newton Federal Bank.



The Jackson EMC Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization established to represent the members of Jackson EMC and distribute money collected from members participating in Operation Round Up®. The 11-member volunteer board of directors meets monthly to review and select grant applications for worthwhile, charitable purposes that will improve lives and respond to immediate needs.

Since Operation Round Up's beginning nearly 14 years ago, the Foundation has awarded nearly \$15 million through 1,432 grants to organizations and 382 to individuals.

During his 25-year career in community banking, Lumpkin has held positions with The Peoples Bank, Regions Bank and NationsBank. He graduated from the University of West Georgia with a Bachelor of Business Administration, and the University of

Maryland's University College with an MBA. He is also a graduate of Leadership Georgia.

He is a member and former board member of the Community Bankers Association of Georgia Leadership Division, President of the Brotherhood Club, Inc., and Deacon and Church Administrator of White Oak Spring Missionary Baptist Church. He previously served on the Athens-Clarke County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; was a Founding Member of the Brad Akins YMCA of Winder, and former Board Chairman; was Board Chairman of the Barrow Community Hospital; was a Founding Member of the Barrow Glenwood Community and Historic Education Foundation; and former member of the Barrow County Schools Committee For Educational Excellence. He received the Barrow County Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year Award and Community Service Award.



IS A WIRELESS SECURITY SYSTEM RIGHT FOR YOUR HOME?

If you're looking to install a home security system, you've probably wondered if a wireless alarm system is best.

EMC Security can help guide you in selecting a security system that's right for you.

Q: What is a wireless security system?

A: A wireless security system is the next generation of home security technology. Instead of using wires installed in the walls and ceiling, wireless security system components connect to the main security control panel via Internet or cellular communications. Because of the ease of installation, many wireless systems can be installed by a professional or homeowner. EMC Security's wireless systems have the option of an EMC Security professional installation or easy DIY set-up for as low as \$179.

Q: Are wireless systems as reliable as wired security systems? What if my Internet service isn't reliable?

A: Modern wireless security systems are continuing to evolve and are now as equally reliable as traditional wired systems. EMC Security's wireless systems communicate with the monitoring centers via Internet connection. Members also have the option to add cellular connectivity, if there's a concern about Internet service. In addition, members can apply UPS battery back-up to the network router to allow continuous monitoring in the event of a power outage.

Q: Why have wireless systems become more popular for homeowners?

A: Wireless systems are easier to install and can be expanded with additional accessories, sensors and third-party devices, like security cameras and video doorbells. They also don't require drilling for installation and have no wires or cables to hide. EMC Security's wireless DIY systems are portable and can be relocated by members.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOME SECURITY SYSTEM OPTIONS, VISIT EMCSECURITY.COM OR CALL 770-963-0305

NEED TO KNOW: LOWER WINTER RATES NOW IN EFFECT

Decreased demand for electricity during the winter enables Jackson EMC to pass savings along to you through lower electric rates. Winter rates begin in October and continue through April.



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STANDARD RESIDENTIAL RATE*

SERVICE CHARGE: \$22 PER MONTH

FIRST 650 kWh: 8.81 CENTS PER kWh

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MORE THAN 1,000 kWh: 8.06 PER kWh

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

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Since 2005, the Jackson EMC Foundation has awarded hundreds of grants that have touched tens of thousands of individuals and families throughout northeast Georgia. Thanks to Jackson EMC members who round up their bill through Operation Round Up[®], the Jackson EMC Foundation is able to manage and distribute funds supporting local nonprofit organizations and individuals.

The extra change collected through Operation Round Up goes a long way to help improve lives. In the past 14 years, the Jackson EMC Foundation has awarded almost \$15 million in grants to improve and impact its communities, including \$1,128,073 in grants in the past year.

Organizations that receive grants from the Jackson EMC Foundation use the funds to provide services that benefit communities from one end of Jackson EMC's service area to the other — from giving hungry kids backpacks filled with food to

providing eyeglasses for vision-impaired adults and children.

The Jackson EMC Foundation's Annual Report shares more stories of how your Operation Round Up contributions are positively affecting organizations and individuals throughout northeast Georgia.



THE 2019 JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT
IS AVAILABLE AT [JACKSONEMC.COM/FOUNDATION](https://www.jacksonemc.com/foundation)

IN THE PAST YEAR, THE JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION AWARDED
GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING:



Friends of Disabled Adults & Children

\$15,000 to provide home medical equipment to 800 people

 [FODAC.ORG](https://www.fodac.org)

Serves: Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Franklin, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison and Oglethorpe counties

In 1986, Ed and Annie Butchart started Friends of Disabled Adults and Children (FODAC) in their home garage as a community service project. Since then, FODAC has repaired and re-issued more than 40,000 wheelchairs and tens of thousands of other medical equipment items, including walkers, power lifts, scooters, hospital beds and bathroom aids. A grant from the Jackson EMC Foundation helped FODAC provide 800 mobility items to 607 people in Jackson EMC's service area.



iServe Ministries

\$10,000 for Bags of Love program to provide food to families

 [ISERVEMINISTRIES.ORG](https://www.iserveministries.org)

Serves: Jackson and Madison counties

Jeff and Sherry Grant founded iServe Ministries in 2012 with the vision to end generational poverty in the communities it serves through meeting practical needs and teaching life skills. When iServe started its Bags of Love program that year, the organization was providing seven backpacks of food delivered to students in need at one Jackson County school. Today, iServe delivers 250 backpacks to 12 schools — 10 in Jackson County and two in Madison County. Last year, the organization distributed almost 6,500 Bags of Love. A grant from the Jackson EMC Foundation means iServe can serve more families facing food insecurity. "As food prices continue to go up and the ability to serve people becomes more difficult, that money helps us provide more Bags of Love," Grant said. "It's a lifesaver for us."



Winder Noon Lions Club

\$5,000 to provide eyeglasses to 50 vision-impaired adults and children

Serves: Barrow county

For generations, Lions Clubs throughout the world have made it their mission to help people preserve their sight. In Barrow County, the Winder Noon Lions Club takes this mission to heart by working to provide eyeglasses to those who are sight-impaired. The Lions Club formed a partnership with the school system, which identifies students in need of eyeglasses; in turn, the Lions Club helps provide glasses for students who can't afford them. A grant from the Jackson EMC Foundation helps the Lions Club meet its mission to provide more children and adults with much-needed glasses.

\$114,832 IN GRANTS AWARDED IN JULY

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total \$114,832 in grants to organizations during its July meeting.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$20,000 | Boys and Girls Clubs of Metro Atlanta—Gwinnett, with \$10,000 each designated for the Norcross and Lawrenceville clubs' Power Hour program, which is part of its overall Academic Success program that provides club members with daily support, resources and guidance needed to complete school assignments while maintaining educational confidence and ability.

\$15,000 | Elachee Nature Science Center, in Gainesville, to assist students in Title 1 schools in Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin and Madison counties attending the STEM-based Nature Education and Environmental Conservation Programs for Pre-K-12 school children.

\$15,000 | J.M. Tull—Gwinnett Family YMCA, in Lawrenceville, for its Afterschool Enrichment Program in project-based STEM activities for at-risk youth from low income families, which helps them keep pace with science and math learning outside of school.

\$15,000 | Madison County Senior Center, to help fund the purchase of a vehicle to deliver meals to senior citizens in Madison County as part of the Home Delivered Meals program, which allows older citizens to maintain independence and dignity, while receiving nutritious meals, nutrition screening, education and counseling services, and opportunities for social contact.

\$15,000 | Rainbow Village, a Duluth long-term, transformational housing program that provides fully-furnished apartments and comprehensive support for homeless families with children in all the counties served by Jackson EMC, to provide childcare tuition assistance at its Early Childhood Development Center for residents and program graduates.

\$15,000 | United Way of Northeast Georgia, to allow 484 Clarke County children under the age of five to receive one age-appropriate book each month for one year, supporting childhood literacy and success in school, as part of the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program.

\$10,000 | United Methodist Children's Home—North Georgia Conference, in Gainesville, to provide financial assistance for foster care development, training, recruitment and home studies throughout Jackson EMC's service area to help close the gap between the need in Northeast Georgia and the number of available homes.

\$5,322 | Family Promise of Hall County, a community effort to end the cycle of family homelessness, to purchase equipment for the Little Steps Day Care Center, which provides a free, temporary child care option while parents search for employment, and the L.I.F.E. program (Local Initiative for Family Empowerment), which provides life-skills training for low-income families in Hall County.

\$4,500 | Madison County Health Department, for its Cabbage Patch Program, which provides education, resources and support to pregnant adolescents and women who run a high risk of delivering preterm or low birth weight infants.

\$119,889 IN GRANTS IN AUGUST

The Jackson EMC Foundation board of directors awarded a total \$119,889 in grants during its August meeting, including \$114,889 to organizations and \$5,000 to an individual.

ORGANIZATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS:

\$15,000 | Athens Nurses Clinic, a nonprofit health care clinic providing free evaluation, treatment and education for acute and chronic medical and dental conditions to uninsured low-and-no income residents, to help implement the Free From C program, which provides health education, testing and treatment for the Hepatitis C virus.

\$15,000 | Atlanta Community Food Bank, to provide up to 60,000 meals to food-insecure families in Gwinnett, Hall and Lumpkin counties through partner agencies, eliminating the need for the agencies to store the food and allowing the Food Bank to distribute food at a fraction of the cost.

\$15,000 | Boys and Girls Clubs of Athens, to provide instruction at both club locations for its Mind Blowers Program, a targeted supplemental math education program that teaches essential problem-solving and quantitative skills students will use in the classroom, work world and every-day life.

\$15,000 | Gwinnett Student Leadership Program, to provide high school juniors and seniors in 23 public schools with practical leadership skills and training so they can return to their home high school and share the core leadership principles, increasing the development of student leaders.

\$15,000 | Mosaic Georgia, formerly known as Gwinnett Sexual Assault Center & Children's Advocacy Center based in Duluth, to provide assistance for family aftercare and counseling for clients in Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Hall, Jackson and Lumpkin counties.

\$14,800 | Boys and Girls Clubs of Lanier, in Hall County for its Triple Play program that helps 1,300 youth increase their knowledge of healthy habits, good nutrition and physical fitness with the primary goal of reducing childhood obesity.

\$10,000 | Corners Outreach, in Peachtree Corners, to provide assistance to Corners Academy, which works with students and families in Title 1 schools in the Meadowcreek cluster to help break the cycle of poverty through personalized tutoring programs, summer camp and parent workshops.

\$7,089 | North Hall Lions Club, to purchase a spot vision screener for its Eyes for Education program, which provides trained volunteers to administer vision screenings to first and third grade students in Hall County schools.

\$5,000 | H.O.P.E (Helping Other People be Empowered), in Duluth to help low income single parents in Gwinnett and Hall counties with childcare and housing, enabling them to attend classes and earn a college degree.

\$3,000 | Georgia Center for Civic Engagement, to help students throughout the Jackson EMC service area participate in Georgia Youth Assembly, a model state legislature for grades 6-12 where students learn the legislative process.

INDIVIDUAL GRANT RECIPIENT:

\$5,000, to purchase a new HVAC unit for a senior citizen.



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Fish Tacos



“This is a relatively easy entrée recipe that our family loves. It can be made ahead of time and tastes great as leftovers.”
— NICHOLE FINLEY, HOSCHTON

INGREDIENTS:

To Prepare Fish:

- 1 1/2 lbs. tilapia
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 8 6-inch tortillas

To Prepare Fish Rub:

- 2 tsp. chili powder
- 2 tsp. paprika
- 1 tsp. cumin
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper

To Prepare Slaw:

- 2 cups shredded cabbage
- Juice of half of a lime
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped (add more to taste)
- 1/4 tsp. pepper, to taste

To Prepare Sriracha Mayo:

- 1/2 cup mayo
- Juice of 1/2 to 1 lime*
- 2 tsp. sugar
- 1 Tbsp. sriracha

DIRECTIONS:

Combine slaw ingredients. Combine sriracha mayo ingredients and blend well. Set aside until ready to serve. Combine spices for fish rub. Rub mixture on both sides of fish.

In a large skillet, heat olive oil and butter until butter is bubbly and hot. Swirl pan to coat bottom. Add fish and cook 4-5 minutes per side until cooked through and charred. To assemble, place approximately 3 ounces of fish in each tortilla. Top with desired amount of slaw and sriracha mayo. Squeeze extra lime juice on top of assembled tacos as desired. Serve immediately. Spice rub, slaw and sriracha mayo may be made ahead of time. Refrigerate slaw and sauce if not using immediately.

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STAY SAFE *with space heaters*

As the temperature outside starts to drop this fall, you may want to use a space heater to warm a specific room without cranking up the thermostat.

STAY SAFE WITH THESE TIPS FOR SPACE HEATERS:



Plug your space heater directly into a wall outlet – avoid using an extension cord, which can overheat or be a tripping hazard.



Keep your space heater in low-moisture rooms. Placing a space heater in a bathroom can cause moisture to damage the unit and cause it to malfunction.



Keep your space heater at least 3 feet from children, pets and flammable items, including curtains, clothing, furniture and bedding.



Buy a space heater with an automatic shut-off switch, in case it tips over. Always unplug it before leaving the house or going to bed.



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