

Operation Round Up grants total

\$61,583

operation round up

Thank you for all the generous Round Up donations to help these organizations and people in need.

Athens Community Council on Aging (Barrow, Clarke, Oconee, Walton) – \$7,000 to help fund their “Grandparents Raising Grandchildren” program.

Easter Seals North Georgia (Walton) – \$5,000 for their “Raising a Reader” program that provides books for 3 through 5-year olds in low-income families.

Georgia Radio Reading Service (entire Walton EMC service area) – \$4,498 to support “Go Green” and “Dixie Living” radio broadcasts geared toward seniors whose failing sight prevents them from reading newspapers.

Gwinnett Environmental and Heritage Center (Barrow, Clarke, DeKalb, Gwinnett Rockdale, Walton) – \$2,500 to assist children of low-income families with admission to their field, exploratory or extended study programs.

Helping Mamas (Clarke, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale) – \$2,500 for their “Baby Supply Depot” that helps mothers in need with essential baby items.

Helping Other People Be Empowered (DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale) – \$1,000 to help low-income single parents improve their interview, job search and financial literacy skills.

It’s the Journey (entire Walton EMC service area) – \$5,000 for the “Atlanta 2-Day Walk for Breast Cancer” that provides support for local breast health and breast cancer programs.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (entire Walton EMC service area) – \$3,000 to help with patient co-pays.

Mercy Health Center (Barrow, Clarke, Oconee) – \$5,000 to fund their “Courage to Quit” smoking cessation program.

Mother’s Choice Learning Center (DeKalb, Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale, Walton) – \$8,000 for the “Give Back/STEM Program,” an afterschool program that reaches 4 through 13-year olds.

The Tree House (Barrow) – \$10,000 toward a van used to transport foster children to supervised visits with their parents.

Three families – \$8,085 for emergency assistance.

WANT TO HELP? Go to the “Community” tab at waltonemc.com and click on the Operation Round Up link.

REFRIGERATORS BY THE NUMBERS

300

Energy dollars possibly saved by replacing your old refrigerator

27

Average refrigerator size in cubic feet (includes freezer space)

Optimum temperature

38 / 0

REFRIGERATOR

FREEZER

30

Percent efficiency gained by cleaning really dirty refrigerator coils

5

Number of major refrigerator manufacturers

8,000,000

Refrigerators sold each year in the U.S.

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LOCATION INSPECTIONS BEGIN IN SNELLVILLE AREA

Our project to increase the accuracy, reliability and safety of your electric service is yielding results.

HB Next, a Walton EMC contractor, has completed many of the location inspections in the northeast part of our 10-county service territory. This includes areas in and around Watkinsville, Bishop, Athens, Statham, Bethlehem, Gratis, Monroe and Good Hope. Now they’re beginning their work in the Snellville area.

During their visits, technicians are evaluating:

- meters
- meter enclosures
- electric services (wires coming into your home)
- security lights and associated poles

“Although they’re finding some issues, overall, Walton EMC’s electric grid is in good condition,” said Ron Marshall, vice-president of engineering and operations.

“These inspections will improve the service our customer-owners receive even more.”

Some homeowners are being alerted to hazards they’re unaware of.

“HB Next is finding some repairs that need to be made to the customer-owner’s side of the electric system,” said Marshall. “This can keep a small hazard from becoming a more serious problem.”

When the technician visits your home, they’ll attempt to make contact at your door. If no one is home, they’ll leave a door card letting you know they were on your property. Generally, the inspection should take less than 15 minutes.



HB Next technicians are alerting customer-owners to hazards like meter bases that need attention.



Contact us at 770-267-2505 if you have questions about contractors working for Walton EMC.

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In person Monroe – 842 US Hwy. 78
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Hurricane Hunters

Linemen help EMCs pummeled by Hurricane Matthew



Cooperation among cooperatives.

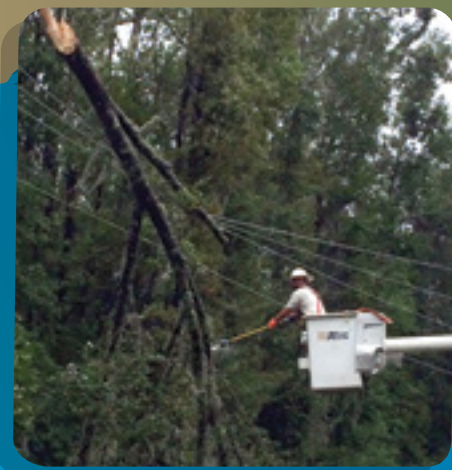
It's one of the seven cooperative principles and never more evident than in the aftermath of a major storm.

It was as if Hurricane Matthew knew how to perfectly track the coastline from Florida to North Carolina. Part of that path took it near two Savannah-area EMCs; Coastal Electric Cooperative headquartered in Midway, Ga. and Palmetto Electric Cooperative headquartered in Ridgeland, S.C.

After the storm passed, more than 80 percent of Palmetto's customer-owners were without power. The picture was bleaker at Coastal – 93 percent of its customer-owners were in the dark.



Wet conditions often hamper progress after a hurricane. Crews spend extra time freeing stuck vehicles and climbing poles that are inaccessible to equipment.



Heavy tree limbs can put wires under heavy tension, making their removal tricky and dangerous.

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—Journeyman Line Technician Reed Gogan

Crews often do more tree work than line work after a major storm.



Walton EMC linemen, as always, stood ready to help their fellow cooperatives get the lights back on. Crews answered the call for help from Coastal and arrived the day before the storm hit. Additional crews made the trip to Palmetto after the hurricane had passed.

Because authorities made both sides of I-16 outbound from Savannah, the crews had to zigzag their way in via secondary roads.

“It’s cool that when you get there it’s complete chaos and by the time you leave power is 100 percent restored,” said Journeyman Line Technician Reed Gogan.

“There was really no flooding where we were,” said Journeyman Line Technician Ben Powell. “The damage was from the wind. Most trees were uprooted instead of broken. It was probably half chainsaw work and half line work.”

A typical day began with breakfast at 5:30 a.m., lunch in the field and dinner around 9 p.m. After a few hours of sleep, it started all over again.

“People were extremely nice,” said Powell, “even still on Wednesday.” That was five days without electricity for most.



Walton EMC crews take pride in their climbing skills. Although bucket trucks make work easier, climbing is still a necessary and important part of the job.

These WEMC linemen helped fellow co-ops restore power after Hurricane Matthew:

COASTAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Ben Powell
Jacob Brooks
Reed Gogan
Josh Wolaver
Ryan Glosson
Taylor Houser
Kevin Underwood
Josh Fuller
Matthew Boone
Paul Nichols
Luke Davis
James Daniel

PALMETTO ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Greg Pannell
Jared Smith
Dusty Richardson
Michael Conner
Blaine Pulliam

GATE Card Expiration Approaching

The Georgia Agriculture Tax Exemption (GATE) card is a certificate issued by the Georgia Department of Agriculture that identifies its user as a qualified farmer or producer who is exempt from sales tax on the inputs used in the production of their commodity.

If you are currently receiving a GATE sales tax exemption for services from Walton EMC, your card will expire on December 31, 2016. In order to continue receiving this exemption, you need to re-apply for the GATE certificate and submit it no later than December 31, 2016.

Apply for or renew a Gate Certificate

Visit forms.agr.georgia.gov/gate or call 855-FARM TAX (855-327-6829).

Send copies of the renewed GATE card to Walton EMC via:

MAIL Walton EMC
Attn: Connie Bentley
P.O. Box 260
Monroe, GA 30655

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Attn: Connie Bentley

EMAIL cbentley@waltonemc.com

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where are you?

Unclaimed Refunds

Take a look at these Walton EMC customer-owners who discontinued service. We mailed refunds of deposits and/or membership fees, but the Post Office returned them.

If you know someone on this list, please have them contact us at 770-266-2519.

Almand, Kenneth K.; America 4G, Inc.; Barrett, Christine M.; Bongadu, Jacqueline; Camco Management, LLC; Carranza, Janet; Carter, Tiffany; Dial, Terry; Emerald Management, LLC; Givens, Anthony; Golden, Gena W.; Green, Alvarez; Grubbs, Jason E.; Hayes, Faith E.; Kolb, Michael A.; Lang Enterprises; Le Hung, Van; Longnecker, Brandon; Madison, Patricia A.; Parker, William A.; Person, Melvin T.; Read By 5, LLC; Rice, Charles E.; Richardson, John W.; Simon, Shea A.; Thompson, Kyle A.; Turman, Travis; Turman, Latanya; Vapor Max, LLC; Vazquez, Herlinda F.; Ward, Shannon; Wentz, IV, George; Wycliffe Bible Translators; Zarza, Jose