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ENERGYUNITED'S MONTHLY MEMBER NEWSLETTER

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### E-BILLING **TOUCHDOWN**

Tim Abernathy, from Stanley, N.C., scored tickets to the Panthers game just by signing up for e-billing! Not only is e-billing a great way to stay up to date with payments, it's also a more eco-conscious choice that saves paper. Ready to make the switch?

Sign up today through My Account on EnergyUnited.com by clicking "e-bill" on the EnergyUnited mobile app, or by contacting a Customer Care Representative at 800-522-3793.

# OPERATION ROUND-UP

isn't always easy on our wallets.

From an unexpected job loss to chronic illnesses or injuries, there are so many reasons why someone may be feeling financially burdened. That's where members of EnergyUnited come in. Thanks to our Operation Round-Up program and the generosity of our members, we've shown that simple actions can lead to profound results.

Operation Round-Up is a voluntary program that allows members to round up their electric bill to the next whole dollar. By doing this, members can put their nickels and dimes to work to benefit our community. This year, over 72,000 members donated to this worthy cause, which resulted in 69 households and five nonprofits that were able to enjoy some much needed relief.

The holiday season is often a time for us to This past June we awarded a grant of \$10,000 gather together, count our blessings and give to South Davidson Family Resource Center thanks for the people, material comforts and (SDFRC), a nonprofit agency that provides financial security we have in our lives. While we essential services and resources to the hope everyone has the ability to enjoy the spirit disadvantaged population and families in crisis of the season, we recognize that this time of year in southern Davidson County. SDFRC was founded in 1998 to meet the critical needs of those living in the area who are struggling to make ends meet. They offer food on a monthly and emergency basis, utility bill payment assistance and payment assistance for housing.

> Individually we've assisted several widows and widowers who've been left in financial disrepair due to the loss of their loved one; men and women who are struggling with dire illnesses; families with special-needs children; and several other worthy recipients. We are truly humbled by our members' generosity and feel honored to be able to provide some solace to the people who need it most. Thank you to all who gave to this program—it really does prove that small change can make a big impact.



## FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO

It's official: The lazy days of summer are far behind us and the season of giving has finally arrived. November marks one of my favorite times of the year—the leaves have begun their seasonal change, the air has a crisp bite to it and our communal mentality echoes the distinct tones of thankfulness and reflection.

For over 80 years, our cooperative has worked diligently to strengthen our expertise and further solidify our place as the leading energy services provider of the Carolinas. Through it all, we've remained true to our rural roots, and it's all thanks to you.

To each and every one of you who donated to the Energyllnited Foundation, voted in our board of directors elections, joined our Member Advisory Committee or helped us give back to our communities, thank you. The most successful cooperatives are those with the most informed and engaged members. In short, you are the reason we serve and the reason we succeed. I think I can speak for all of us here at Energyllnited when I say it truly is a privilege to serve you.

Of course, this feeling of gratitude is widely shared by many this month as we observe two important holidays. While the Thanksgiving holiday grants us the opportunity to reflect on the many things we have to be grateful for, Veterans Day gives us the chance to celebrate the men and women who have served to make so many of those things possible. The truth of it is, we live in the home of the free because of those who have put their lives on the line to protect our values. And for that, we are truly thankful.

There is so much to be grateful for, but for now let's start with appreciating one another, recognizing our freedoms and appreciating the power of community.

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### **VETERANS DAY SPECIAL**

We're offering a 10% discount on propane appliances and 10 cents off each gallon to the brave men and women who have served in the military. This is a year-round deal, and is available to active and former members of the military. It's just a small way to show our gratitude.

Call us at 800-522-3793 for more information.



#### **NOW ACCEPTING YOUTH TOUR APPLICATIONS!**



Each year, EnergyUnited seeks out two high school students to join the Electric Cooperative Youth Tour, which takes students on a historic journey of electric cooperatives, American history and the U.S. government in Washington, D.C. Applicants must reside in a home or attend a high school serviced by EU. The program is open to current sophomores and juniors and the deadline to apply is December 31, 2019.

Visit EnergyUnited.com/youth-tour to apply!

### PROPANE-POWERED **LEARNING**

EnergyUnited is proud to partner with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) and Davidson County Schools (DCS) by providing propane for their school buses. These school buses promise a guieter ride and are 94% lower in harmful emissions. Less noise inside the bus helps drivers focus on traffic and student behavior, and the drastic decrease in harmful pollutants means we're working toward a cleaner future for tomorrow's bright minds.

Call us at 800-522-3793 to learn more about our propane fleet transportation services.

#### **ANNUAL MEETING RECAP**









3-YEAR TERM

DISTRICT 2

DISTRICT 3
3-YEAR TERM

#### HERE'S TO ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR!

On Thursday, September 19, EnergyUnited hosted its 21st Annual Meeting of Members. During the meeting, CEO Wayne Wilkins spoke about the status of our co-op, while Board President Dr. Max Walser focused on member satisfaction and what changes the coming year will bring, and congratulated our three board winners on their respective reelections. We look forward to our bright future!

Congrats! These winners were selected randomly from our list of all our 2019 BOD Election voters to receive a \$100 gift card:

MARY LOTHERY LOIS J. PENCE DONALD H. SHUMAKER









