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BUILDING COMMUNITY ONE CENT AT A TIME.

If the essence of EnergyUnited's commitment to community were to be summed up in one initiative, it would be our Operation Round-Up program. The program makes it super easy for member-owners like you to round up your monthly electric bills to the next whole dollar amount. The extra pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters flow into a fund managed by the EnergyUnited Foundation and are used to assist worthy community organizations as well as fellow members who fall on hard times.



Originally from Ohio, Janice Laughlin (or "Ja-Ja" if you ask her grandchildren) has dedicated her life to serving others. She spent the first 20 years of her career helping troubled and disabled children, first as an advocate, then as a teacher. A desire for something new led her to Philadelphia, where she took to service in the sky as a flight attendant, and later Cornelius, where she purchased her dream home. "I loved it because it was everything I wanted," Janice says. "I worked hard all those years, and this was a special place for me."

In August of 2012, Janice was involved in an accident that left her unable to work. Months later, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. After five surgeries, chemo and radiation, medical expenses piled on and she risked losing her home. "It was devastating," Janice reflects. "I have always been someone who helps others, and I didn't know how to ask for help for myself."

That's when the Ada Jenkins Center referred her to the EnergyUnited Foundation. "I was feeling very low, and the Foundation accepted my application," Janice says. "It gave me such hope—a belief in the goodness of others."

Today, Janice's cancer is in remission and she has a newfound appreciation for life. With help and encouragement from friends, family and EnergyUnited, she still lives in her dream home and has found work as a substitute teacher and in senior companion care.

"As soon as I'm able, I will be contributing to the Operation Round-Up program," Janice says. "I want to pay it forward. I want to help somebody the way this program has helped me and my family."

To participate in Operation Round-Up, contact EnergyUnited at 1-800-522-3793.



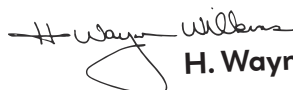
LETTER FROM THE CEO

Electric cooperatives have a proud legacy of giving back, and EnergyUnited is honored to carry that torch in our home state of North Carolina. In fact, it's our steadfast commitment to community that ultimately drives our core energy services. Everything we do, day in and day out, is focused on improving the lives of our member-owners and establishing ourselves as a cornerstone of the 19 counties we serve.

Moving forward, we need your help to maximize the co-op's impact. One way to get engaged? Volunteer for EnergyUnited's Member Advisory Committee (MAC). As a MAC member, you'd act as a sounding board between co-op leadership and every member-owner. The ongoing communication helps us streamline service processes, spearhead the development of new community programs, products and services and keep an active watch on the needs and concerns of the co-op.

Each MAC is comprised of members who represent the diversity of our membership, serving three-year terms on a rotating basis. MAC meetings occur every four months in Statesville, Lexington and the Lake Norman regions. EnergyUnited leadership attends and participates in each meeting. Intrigued? Contact our Communications Manager, Maureen Moore, at maureen.moore@energyunited.com or 704-924-2159. She'd love to tell you more about MAC membership and help you fill out an application.

At EnergyUnited, you're so much more than a customer—you're a valued member of our democratically controlled electric cooperative. And as such, you're afforded the opportunity to vote in our board of directors election. This year's election opens on August 10 and closes September 10, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. EST. Keep an eye out for more information in the July issue of Connect.


H. Wayne Wilkins





THE FUTURE IS CREATIVE

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2018 BRIGHT IDEAS PROGRAM

Are you a teacher? Do you know a teacher? Well then, you've come to the right place. It is our pleasure to announce that we're officially accepting applications for the 2018 Bright Ideas education grant program!

WHAT'S THAT?

It's an annual grant program that awards K-12 teachers with up to \$2,000 for promoting creativity in the classroom through meaningful, innovative projects.

HOW DO YOU APPLY?

It's easy. Teachers must submit an application that explains their project budget, goals, implementation strategy, creative elements and evaluation criteria.

HOW DO YOU WIN A GRANT?

Applications are judged through a competitive evaluation process by a selection committee. The committee will look for standout projects featuring innovation and creativity.

To learn more or apply, visit EnergyUnited.com/Bright-Ideas-Program.

Early Bird Application Deadline: August 15, 2018 (to be entered for a chance to win a \$100 Visa gift card).
Final Application Deadline: September 14, 2018.

EMPOWERING YOU TO USE YOUR VOICE

Since the beginning of EnergyUnited, we've empowered our member-owners by giving them a say in how we run the co-op business. Another big opportunity to let your voice be heard is just around the corner in our next board of directors election.

Each year, director candidates are nominated by the cooperative's nominating committee or by member petition. The individuals you elect comprise the EnergyUnited Board of Directors and make the final

call on all major co-op decisions, from setting policies to determining the rates we charge for electricity.

This year's election will run from August 10, 2018 to September 10, 2018. In that time, you will be able to learn more about the candidates and cast your vote. Official results will be announced at EnergyUnited's Annual Meeting on September 20, 2018. Stay tuned for additional details.

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