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## **ENERGYUNITED 'SHARES SUCCESS' WITH DONATION TO UNITED WAY**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.** –EnergyUnited recently presented a donation of \$7,500 to United Way of Iredell County in recognition of their outstanding contributions and impact in the community. The donation was made possible thanks to corporate and employee contributions, as well as a special matching grant from CoBank, a cooperative bank that provides essential financial services to electric cooperatives like EnergyUnited. CoBank's matching grant was part of the organization's Sharing Success grant program.

"Over the past seven years, Sharing Success has enabled CoBank to partner with our customers, doubling their charitable contributions to causes and organizations they care about most," says Gabriel Labastida, Vice President of CoBank. "We appreciate the generosity of EnergyUnited and its commitment to the communities it serves. We are delighted to join them in this contribution and grateful for the opportunity to fulfill our mission of service to rural America."

Maureen Moore, communications manager for EnergyUnited, expressed appreciation for their strong partnership with CoBank, and said she believes that the Statesville-headquartered cooperative could not have selected a worthier organization as the beneficiary of this collaborative fundraising effort.

United Way of Iredell County supports so many essential community services," Moore explained. "We were proud to select their organization as the beneficiary of this collaborative fundraising effort and jointly highlight the importance of giving back to the people in our community."

Brett Eckerman, executive director of United Way, joined Moore in celebrating the partnership between the two local organizations.

"EnergyUnited is a generous and dedicated partner in our work to serve the needs of people in Iredell County and across this region," Eckerman said. "Their leadership and focus on creating successful and thriving communities is commendable. We are most grateful for the opportunity this donation will give us to meet basic needs and change lives for the better."

## **About United Way of Iredell County**

United Way of Iredell County fights for the health, education and financial stability of every single person in Iredell County. We mobilize resources, drive community collaboration and solve problems. To learn more, or to join us in this fight, please visit our website <u>http://www.uwiredell.org</u> or call us at 704-872-3000.

## About EnergyUnited

EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 130,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of 19 counties in west central North Carolina, which includes: Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 24,000 residential, commercial and industrial

customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at www.energyunited.com to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.

## About CoBank

CoBank is a \$138 billion cooperative bank serving vital industries across rural America. The bank provides commercial loans, leases, export financing and other financial services to agribusinesses and rural power, water and communications providers in all 50 states. The bank also provides wholesale loans and other financial services to affiliated Farm Credit associations serving more than 70,000 farmers, ranchers and other rural borrowers in 23 states around the country.

CoBank is a member of the Farm Credit System, a nationwide network of banks and retail lending associations chartered to support the borrowing needs of U.S. agriculture, rural infrastructure and rural communities. Headquartered outside Denver, Colorado, CoBank serves customers from regional banking centers across the U.S. and also maintains an international representative office in Singapore.

For more information about CoBank, visit the bank's website at cobank.com http://cobank.com.



Pictured from left to right: **Maureen Moore**, Communications Manager, EnergyUnited; Pam Britt, Vice President Human Resources, EnergyUnited; **Paul Cook**, Vice President Fund Distribution, United Way of Iredell County; **Brett Eckerman**, Executive Director, United Way of Iredell County.