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## **ENERGYUNITED FOUNDATION GIVES \$10,000 TO PASTOR'S PANTRY**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.** - The EnergyUnited Foundation recently approved a grant for \$10,000 to Pastor's Pantry of Davidson County, located in Lexington, NC. The funds will be used to help purchase healthy well-balanced food items based on their senior client's needs. Since its founding, the Pastor's Pantry has played a major role in the community, providing monthly groceries to the vulnerable, low income population, targeting elderly senior adults in Davidson County.

Executive Director of Pastor's Pantry, Donna Mashburn, is passionate about helping those in need. She said, "We are diligent in our food distribution to insure the monthly groceries are nutritionally balanced to include fruits, vegetables, breads, grains, as well as dairy. This funding would generously help us continue to provide healthy meal options for many people each month. We have been blessed by the EnergyUnited grant, as well as the continued generosity other local partners in the community.

"Pastor's Pantry serves in the same 'neighbors helping neighbors' spirit as the EnergyUnited Foundation, said Debra Citta, EnergyUnited Foundation Administrator. "We are so pleased to be able to assist Pastor's Pantry in their service to the elderly residents of Davidson County."

The Pastor's Pantry also looks into specific needs of all their clients and provides a healthy food plan they can use, such as individual food preferences, medical conditions, allergies, special diets, as well as how the client prepare their food based on physical ability. They also deliver groceries to those who have limited mobility or who are homebound and conduct an initial assessment with each client to determine their individual need, limiting food waste.

The Pastor's Pantry looks forward to using the funds to support needy families in Davidson County. "We're really appreciative of this very generous gift because we know it's going help a lot of people in need," said Donna Mashburn.

**About EnergyUnited** EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving over 126,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include 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 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at [www.energyunited.com](http://www.energyunited.com) to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.



*Pictured from left to right: Debra Citta, EnergyUnited Foundation Administrator, Donna Mashburn, Executive Director, Pastor's Pantry, Jennifer Davis, Marketing Coordinator, Pastor's Pantry and H. Wayne Wilkins, CEO, EnergyUnited.*