



## Supporting those in need



From the desk of  
CEO & General Manager  
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Over the years, you've probably heard or read about our core principle, concern for community. This is one of the many ways cooperatives are set apart from other types of utilities and businesses. We've always taken this mission and responsibility to heart. It's who we are as a co-op.

You're probably aware of our Operation Round Up® program, where we take donations from generous members like you who have "rounded up" the amount due on their electric bill to help our most vulnerable neighbors pay their bills. Or, our Youth Tour program, where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a week-long immersion to experience democracy in action.



[Click here](#) to watch a video and learn more about this service project and the West Chatham Food Pantry.

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You'll also see our employees serving on local boards, coaching youth sports and volunteering at charitable events. Because when you work at a co-op, you understand how important a strong community is – the co-op is community. A group of our employees recently exemplified exactly what this principle means to us at the co-op.

The West Chatham Food Pantry, a local nonprofit in Chatham County, aims to serve individuals in our community during a time of great need. To help the organization provide food to members of our community who may otherwise go without, the co-op and its team members came together to help provide Thanksgiving meals to over 50 residents in Chatham County. The goal was to provide a holiday blessing to those who may need it the most.

Our core job is to keep the lights on, however, our passion is our community. We live and work right here in this community, and we want to make it a better place for all. Concern for community is the heart and soul of who we are. And no matter what the future brings, you can count on your electric co-op to care about you.

Until next time,

*Eddie B. Oldham*