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Message from the Chairman



On behalf of the Foundation Board of Directors, I hope you enjoy reviewing the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation's 2018 Annual Report. You will find it contains useful information about the operations of the Foundation, a summary of the 2018 contributions received, as well as the grants that were distributed to various organizations.

Sawnee EMC members, who participate in Operation Round Up, generously donated **\$98,013.59** to the Foundation during 2018. The Foundation also received a donation from Sawnee EMC unclaimed patronage capitol, totaling **\$204,291.64**. This special donation was allocated to three (3) areas within the Foundation; **\$100,000** was designated specifically for the Youth Scholarship Program, **\$40,000** was earmarked for our "Bright Ideas" classroom grants, and the remaining, **\$64,291.64**, was specified for General Grants.

The Board is very proud that the Foundation was able to distribute **\$301,583.78** back into our local communities during 2018. Gifting to local charitable organizations in 2018 totaled **\$125,472.00**. Additionally, **\$29,111.78** was contributed into local area classrooms through our Bright Ideas program, which allows local teachers the opportunity to implement innovative projects within their classrooms. Many of these projects would have gone unfunded without this very successful program. In April of 2018, the Foundation awarded twenty-six (26) scholarships, totaling **\$117,000**, to exceptional high school seniors who reside in Sawnee EMC's service area. Finally, an additional **\$30,000** was awarded collectively to three (3) colleges

and universities that Sawnee EMC serves. The Foundation celebrates the ability to help outstanding individuals further their education.

Please continue reading about the good work that the Sawnee EMC Foundation was able to accomplish in 2018, and remember, small change can change lives. Thank you all for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Lacelle Doss

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Chairman

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2018 YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Overview of the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation

The Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation is a 501(c) (3) organization, which exists to support charitable endeavors within the communities served by Sawnee EMC. Participating members make their donations by voluntarily allowing Sawnee EMC to “round up” their monthly electric bill to the next highest dollar, and donate those “extra pennies” to the Foundation. An average amount a member would donate is approximately \$6.00 per year.

Below are just a few of the activities supported by the Foundation during 2018.

General Grants

Through the Foundation’s “Operation Round Up” program, local 501(c) (3) and 501(c) (4) charitable organizations are able to apply for general grants, which are distributed on a quarterly basis. The Foundation Board evaluates these grant requests based on several factors, which includes the organization’s need, their ability to access local funding from alternative sources, other individual or corporate financial support, availability of funds, as well as other factors.

Bright Ideas Grants

Through the “Bright Ideas” grant program, funds are distributed to local teachers for their classrooms. Teachers can apply for a grant, up to \$1,500 per classroom, per year. Grants are awarded to teachers instructing students in grades K-12 within Sawnee EMC’s service territory, and are used by educators to implement innovative projects to further their students’ education and learning opportunities.

Youth Scholarship Program Awards

Each year, the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation accepts applications from local high school seniors for its “Youth Scholarship Program”. The Foundation is proud to have supported youth education for the past twelve (12) years. In 2018, the Foundation awarded \$117,000 to twenty-six (26) local high school seniors. Each student received a \$4,500 scholarship to go towards their continuing education.

Brian Johnson Memorial Scholarship Awards

This scholarship was established by the Foundation in May 2015. It was developed to honor the legacy of one of Sawnee EMC’s employees, Mr. Brian Johnson, who lost his life in the line of duty. This scholarship sponsors up to two (2) students annually, with a grant of \$1,500 each, to help fund these students enrolling in the Technical College System of Georgia’s Electrical Lineworker Program, of which Mr. Johnson was a proud graduate.



2018 COMMUNITY CHARITY RECIPIENTS

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Abbreviated Financial Statement

Assets	2018	2017
Assets		
Cash	\$467,615	\$466,615
Contributions Receivable	\$ 8,192	\$ 9,472
<i>Total assets</i>	\$475,807	\$476,087
Net Assets		
Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions	\$475,807	\$476,087

To view the full 2018 financial statements, contained in the Foundation's 2018 financial audit, please visit our web site at

<http://www.sawnee.com/foundation-round-up>.

If you wish to receive a printed copy of the Foundation's 2018 financial audit, please contact Ms. Ginny Ellis, Sawnee EMC's Chief Financial Officer, at 678-455-1578, via email at ginny.ellis@sawnee.com, or via U.S. Mail at Sawnee Electric Membership Corporation, P.O. Box 1174, Cumming, GA 30028.

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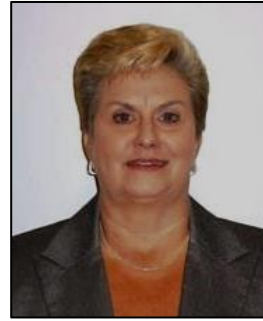
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Foundation Board of Directors

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Mission Statement

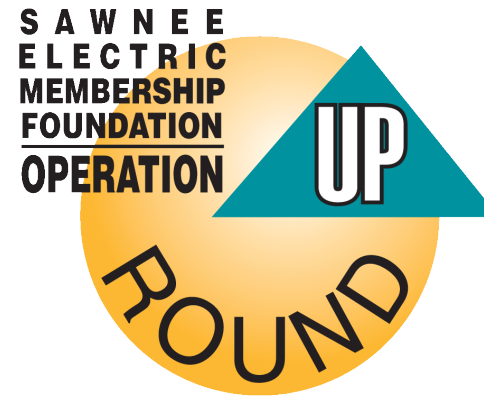
The mission of the Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation is to assist in strengthening the communities served by Sawnee EMC. The Foundation will accomplish this mission by providing financial assistance to charitable organizations through the Foundation's Operation Round Up program and other Board approved endeavors. This program affords Sawnee EMC members the opportunity to "round-up" their monthly energy bills to the next highest dollar. These donated funds, along with monies from other sources, allow donations to be made to students, schools and various 501(c) (3) and 501(c) (4) organizations located generally in Sawnee EMC's service area, which includes parts of Cherokee, Dawson, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall and Lumpkin counties.

How to Donate

The Foundation encourages those that currently are not participating in Operation Round-Up, to please consider doing so. The "power of the pennies" provides the Foundation with donations to assist many charitable organizations.

- Sign up online at www.sawnee.com/round-up-signup.
- With this sign up method, Sawnee EMC will automatically "Round-Up" your Sawnee bill each month.
- Contact Sawnee EMC's Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, customerservice@sawnee.com, "chat" online at www.sawnee.com, or text us at 678-999-8124.

- "Round Up" at your leisure. You do not have to be enrolled in Operation Round Up to participate. Anytime you "Round-Up" your Sawnee EMC electric bill to the next highest dollar, the "extra pennies" will automatically go to the Foundation.



Learn more:

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