

When you become a member of Nueces Electric Cooperative, you aren't just joining the electric co-op that has energized South Texas for the past 80-years. Your NEC membership has a direct impact in the well-being of local communities through participation in Operation Round-Up.

Through Operation Round-Up, Nueces Electric Cooperative members volunteer to "round up" their electric bills to the next dollar. All of the additional change goes to a non-profit fund developed by NEC called Nueces Electric Charities, Inc. The money adds up each year and Nueces Electric Charities (on behalf of all participating NEC members) gives a check to various worthy community projects like the HALO-Flight air ambulance service. The monthly donation by a member, per account, never exceeds 99 cents per month, can be as low as a penny, and averages just \$6 per year.

"Giving back to the community we serve is one of our founding cooperative principles," says Chief Executive Officer Varzavand "Avan" Irani, "Thanks to the generous donations of NEC members, Nueces Electric Charities is proud to provide grant opportunities to various worthy non-profit organizations in our community."

Nueces Electric Charities has supported a variety of organizations including South Texas Light House for the Blind, United Way of the Coastal Bend, Driscoll Children's Hospital and many more. Recent 2019 grants totaling \$110,000 have gone Mission of Mercy, Inc., Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi Foundation Inc., Education Service Center Region 2, Corpus Christi Hope House, Inc., just to name a few.

Grant projects/programs that address these areas of needs receive priority consideration:

- Cultural
- Education
- Recreation
- Human Services
- Health and Medical
- Community Development
- Environmental Awareness

Applications are due Jan. 1 and July 1 of every year and more information can be found at www. nuecescharities.org.



## **OFFICES CLOSED**

## Monday, February 17, 2020

All NEC offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020 for an All Employee Training Day. Following our cooperative principle number 5: Training, Education and Information, NEC works hard to ensure our employees are skilled, dedicated and ready to meet our member's electric needs.

## **iSEE** Field Trips

NEC offers iSEE (Student Energy Education) field trip opportunities for 4th-grade students in the NEC service territories. Students are invited to visit NEC headquarters in Calallen, tour our facility, learn about electricity, energy sources, technology, and even see a lineman demonstration! This is a great opportunity to expose students to their local electric cooperative while engaging in fun, educational activities. Educators interested in setting up an iSEE field trip can contact communications@nueceselectric.org or visit our website, www.nueceselectric.org.





## **Safety Demonstrations**

Presented by our Safety & Loss Control Manager, NEC's live safety demonstrations are a fun and effective way to promote safety around electricity. This opportunity is availabe to 4th grade students in the NEC service territory. Educators interested in NEC's safety demonstrations can email communications@nueceselectric.org or visit www.nueceselectric.org.