

## Thankful for community



From the desk of CEO & General Manager Eddie Oldham

Over the years, you've probably heard or read about our core principle: concern for community. This is one of the many ways that set cooperatives 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, you've heard about our Youth Tour program, where we take our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C. for a weeklong immersion to experience democracy in action.



Click here to watch a video and learn more about our service project and the Boys & Girls Club.

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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 Boys & Girls Club of Central NC, a local nonprofit serving youth across Chatham, Harnett and Lee counties, aims to make a difference in the lives of local youth. To help the organization serve its members and their families, we helped provide and serve Thanksgiving meals. Part of our mission is to partner with organizations like the Boys and Girls Club. They are working each and every day for our community and there's no more important piece than our youth. They are the future of our community and they put that into action at the clubs each and every day.

While our core job is to keep the lights on, 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. Thank you to the Boys & Girls Club for having us and letting us come be a part of your Thanksgiving meals. We appreciate all you do for the community!

Edward B. Oldham