

Walton Electric Trust's most recent Operation Round Up grants funneled \$72,240 to people and organizations who needed help in Walton EMC's 10-county service area.

Every penny of your donation goes to help those in need.
That's because Walton EMC pays all administrative costs of the program. The program isn't self-serving; no money can be used to pay electric bills.

WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN OPERATION ROUND UP?

Go to the "Community" tab at waltonemc.com and click on the Operation Round Up link.

Do it today!

Operation Round Up boosts local charities by

\$72,240

The latest beneficiaries of Operation Round Up participants' kindness and generosity:

St. Vincent de Paul Society (Barrow) - \$2,000

Funds to help with rent and mortgages of people in dire need.

Barrow Book Partnership (Barrow) - \$5,000

Support of their project to put an end to illiteracy by making books more accessible to low-income families.

Spectrum Autism Support Group (Barrow, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale, Walton) – \$7,500

Grant to their camps program for children with autism.

Sunshine on a Ranney Day (Barrow, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Morgan, Rockdale, Walton) — \$10.000

Funds to renovate two homes of disabled children in the Walton EMC service area.

Young Women's Christian Organization (Barrow, Clarke, Gwinnett, Morgan, Oconee) – \$3,000

Money to fund scholarships to attend YWCO Summer Girls Camp.

A Kid's Dream, Inc. (Barrow, DeKalb, Gwinnett, Walton) — \$2,040 Funding for the organization's Kid's Dream Scholarship that supports disadvantaged youth.

Young Men's Christian Organization (DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale) – \$5,000

Support for their Early Learning Readiness program, a twice-a-week reading program for children.

The Path Project (Gwinnett, Walton) – \$5,200

Money for at-risk children living in mobile home parks to attend their summer camp.

Healing for the Soul (DeKalb, Gwinnett, Rockdale) - \$2,500

Resources to provide clothes, backpacks and supplies for children who have incarcerated parents.

Gwinnett County Habitat for Humanity (Gwinnett) – \$10,000 Money to help pay for a pickup truck for the organization.

Walton County Fire Rescue (Walton) — \$10,000

Money to purchase active shooter response kits.

Muscular Dystrophy Association (entire territory) — \$10,000

Funds for MDA Camp Walk-n-Roll, a summer camp for children affected with the disease.



The news you need to know in 5 minutes!

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THE **Rundown** inside: communicator awards, sporting clay shoot, teeing up on the back: latest operation round up recipients

Smile for the Camera!

SECURITY CAMERAS MAKE BAD GUYS THINK TWICE

of burglars look to see

Want to take your home security system to the next level?

Security cameras do just that in an affordable and convenient way. But they're not just for keeping bad guys away. They

also let you see what's going on at home anytime. For example, you can check on the kids when they get home from school or watch for a package delivery.

You can view live video, receive notifications with video clips on your smartphone, and store them in the Cloud should you ever need to access them.

The front door, first-floor windows and back door are excellent locations for security cameras

34%

of burglars enter through the front door.

EMC Security offers three types of cameras:

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR WIRELESS These flexible and easy-to-use wi-fi cameras are perfect for homeowners. Both offer 24/7 continuous recording. The indoor camera also has two-way voice so you can communicate with family members

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23%

of burglars enter through a first-floor window.

22%

of burglars enter through the back door.

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Walton EMC Communicators Receive National Recognition

Walton EMC communicators Savannah Chandler and Greg Brooks were presented multiple awards during the 2018 Cooperative Communicator Association's (CCA) Annual Institute in Fort Worth, Texas.

The two claimed trophies in the CCA Communications Contest, which evaluates the skills of communicators working for member-owned cooperative businesses from across the nation. Major sectors represented include agriculture, food, telecommunications, energy and banking.

This year's contest had 610 entries representing 58 different companies. Awards were presented in the categories of writing, photography, programs and projects, and publications.

Chandler and Brooks earned these honors:

- First place, Campaigns and Programs, for Walton Gas's online game Pick the Peach.
- First place, Cooperative Education, for the Co-op College employee training program.
- **Second place**, Brochures, Pamphlets and One-time Publications, for Walton EMC's commercial services brochure.
- Second place, Employee Publication, for Walton EMC's Two-Way Feed.
- Third place, Miscellaneous Promotional, for Walton Gas's Georgia Proud scenic umbrella.

"These awards confirm that we are providing relevant messages to Walton EMC's customer-owners and employees," said Brooks, community and public relations director. "To be judged best among our cooperative peers is rewarding."

Walton EMC communicators Savannah Chandler and Greg Brooks proudly display their coveted Cooperative Communicators Association Communications Contest trophies. In addition to the contest awards, Chandler was presented the Michael Graznak Award, one of the association's top distinctions for cooperative communicators. This honor symbolizes accomplishments, contributions, competence and promise of young cooperative communicators, and recognizes their sustained excellence, creativity, insight and performance.

"I will ALWAYS remember the moment I stepped on stage to accept the Michael Graznak Award and spotted my precious family who traveled to surprise me," said Chandler. "You experience a special emotion when others agree you've picked the right profession. I'm beyond grateful for this recognition."

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Walton EMC communicator Savannah

Chandler is surprised on stage by her

children, Berkly and Rhett, while receiving



's 2018 Michael Graznak Award. It is one of the

nation's top honors for cooperative communicators.

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CCA is an organization of 250 professionals who communicate for cooperatives. Through professional development opportunities, association members excel in communications disciplines such as writing, photography, video and publication design. Learn more at communicators.coop.



Thursday, August 16 Registration – 7:30 AM Start – 9 AM

Cherokee Rose Gun Club, Griffin, GA

Don't miss our eighth annual Charity Sporting Clays Shoot! Great food, networking and the chance to win one of five shotguns or one of dozens of door prizes.

Modified Lewis Class scoring means more chances to win.
Trophies awarded to top teams.

All proceeds benefit the Georgia 2-Day Breast Cancer Walk.

Again this year! Ladies division



Registration and details: waltonemc.com/charities



Teeing up for Good WALTON EMC'S SPRING GOLF CLASSIC NETS \$55,000 FOR BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

Walton County's youth emerged as the big winners when nearly 200 golfers and the employees of Walton EMC teamed for the 11th annual Spring Golf Classic. The sold-out tournament benefitting the Walton County Boys and Girls Club netted \$55,000 to support academic, leadership and character development programs for area children and teens.

This was the 11th year for the tournament held at The Georgia Club in Statham. Including this year's proceeds, Walton EMC employees have donated \$329,000 to the youth organization.

Contributing to the Boys and Girls Club is one way the customer-owned electric cooperative helps to improve the quality of life in our service area, said Ronnie Lee, CEO of Monroe-headquartered Walton EMC.

"We're proud to support a local program that — like Walton EMC — is committed to strengthening our community," he said. "We believe that what we do for area youth today can positively influence the future."

In addition to the tournament, the Spring Golf Classic includes a silent auction and other contests that raise funds to make quality developmental programs available to the community's young people. The fundraising event is coordinated and hosted by Walton EMC employees.

"Doing good in the community is one way we express our cooperative spirit," said Walton EMC's Kathy Ivie, who coordinates the golf tournament. The event is one of several that she and fellow employees host or participate in each year to honor the cooperative principle of 'concern for community.'