

News Release



Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas

Arkansas Electric Cooperatives receives KARK Humanitarian Award

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. recognized

Little Rock, Ark. — April 23, 2018 — On Friday, April 20, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC) and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI) were awarded the 2018 KARK Corporate Humanitarian Award for outstanding community service to the Central Arkansas community.

“We at KARK are pleased to honor Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation and Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. for their continued philanthropic efforts to programs to sustain and grow the areas where they provide service, which is the very definition of cooperation,” said Kyle King, station manager for KARK.

The Arkansas Community Service Awards recognize individuals and businesses for their dedication and commitment to supporting volunteerism throughout Arkansas. Since 1978, the Arkansas Department of Human Services' Office of Communications and Community Engagement, the Office of the Governor, and KARK have recognized individuals and companies that serve others in extraordinary ways.

“AECC and AECI follow a set of guiding principles that include concern for community,” said Duane Highley, president/CEO of AECC/AECI. “This involves focusing on the needs of electric cooperative members by working for the sustainable development of communities to improve the quality of life for Arkansans.”

AECC and AECI employees annually donate hundreds of hours to communities throughout Arkansas. Recent community service projects include assisting with the reclamation of Little Oaks Ball Park in Little Rock, donating to the KTHV Summer Cereal Drive, assisting with the formation of the Southwest Little Rock Neighborhood Business Alliance, donations to the US Marine Corp Toys for Tots program, participating in the River Cities Dragon Boat Festival benefiting the Children's Protection Center, volunteering for AR Kids Read, assisting with Junior Achievement fundraising events, volunteering at the Arkansas Foodbank, donating to Arkansas Children's Hospital, providing hundreds of electric safety programs in schools and others efforts.

AECC and AECI sponsor the Arkansas Rural Teacher of the Year program with the Arkansas Rural Education Association, the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame, the Arkansas Farm Family of the Year, the Arkansas FFA State Farmer Degree program, the Arkansas 4-H State O-Rama, the Annual Arkansas Youth Tour to Washington, D.C. and many others. Other supported philanthropies can be viewed at: <https://www.aecc.com/community/rural-teacher-of-the-year>.

Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based cooperative provides products and services to Arkansas' 17 electric distribution cooperatives. Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corp. (AECC), a generation and transmission cooperative, provides whole electricity to Arkansas' distribution cooperatives that provide electricity to approximately 500,000 homes, farms and businesses in Arkansas and surrounding states.

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