

Co-op donates nearly \$20,000

WFEC presents checks totaling \$1,755 to four local units of the American Cancer Society, one of 350 local organizations who received money from annual meeting pledges.

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On behalf of its members, or consumer-owners, West Florida Electric Cooperative recently distributed nearly \$20,000 to churches and other nonprofit agencies within its service area. For each member who registered to vote at WFEC's annual meeting Nov. 13, the Co-op pledged \$15 to the member's choice of nonprofit entities. Over 350 local churches and charitable institutions benefitted from the contributions.

"The measure of a good community business partner is not in what it says, but what it does," said WFEC Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer Bill Rimes. "Giving back to the community is not only the moral thing to do; it also feels good, and it's a top priority for our employees and trustees. It's simply the co-op way."

Nonprofit organizations collecting the greatest number of donations were the Salvation Army, receiving \$765; American Cancer Society (ACS), Jackson County Unit, \$765; American Red Cross, \$690; Disabled American Veterans, \$615; ACS, Holmes County Unit, \$510; ACS, Washington County Unit, \$315; Graceville Library Fund, \$225; and ACS, Calhoun County Unit, \$165.

Among area churches, the top recipients were Bethel Baptist, \$435; Carmel Assembly of God, \$315; New Bethel Christian Methodist Episcopal, \$210; and Bethany Church, \$210.



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