

OWEN ELECTRIC CONNECTION

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Co-ops give back

Co-ops across the globe adhere to the same seven cooperative principles that help guide all of our decisions—from how we operate the co-op to how we engage with our local communities. “Concern for Community” is the seventh principle, and while our employees embrace this principle throughout the year, it always seems especially prevalent during the holiday season.

Electric cooperatives have a proud history of giving back. Whether we’re participating in educational opportunities at schools and events or supporting organizations like the Special Olympics and Honor Flight, Owen Electric is committed to making investments in the communities we serve.

Our members help us give back, too. The WinterCare program allows members to designate an additional amount on their bill to help support families in need of financial assistance. Owen Electric works hand-in-hand with area Community Action agencies to keep their heat on during the winter months with help from this money. Owen Electric matches its members’ donations dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000 each year.

In times of crisis and need, our crews have helped more than 50 utilities restore power in more than a dozen



Owen Electric employees volunteer at Master Provisions, a distribution center that partners with local organizations to provide food, clothing and other necessities to the community. Photo: Master Provisions

states. We coordinate with co-ops experiencing widespread outages—generally as a result of severe weather, such as hurricanes or ice storms—to send crews, trucks and other needed equipment to help restore power as quickly and as safely as possible.

Owen Electric’s commitment is global. We have donated equipment and sent lineworkers to Haiti so they can help bring power to people who have never experienced the benefits of electricity.


Each year, our employees are collectively allocated 1,000 hours to use for various volunteer efforts. These efforts

include volunteering with community food banks, toy drives for area hospitals and youth development organizations.

There are so many ways we can give back to the community that go beyond dollar donations. No matter how great or small the act, every time we give back, we strengthen our community. Take some time to give back this holiday season—you’ll be glad you did.

President and CEO
Michael Cobb



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Local heroes return from Honor Flight 2023

Photos by Tim Webb

The recent Honor Flight, sponsored by Owen Electric Cooperative and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, returned to a rousing welcome home ceremony at Blue Grass Airport on Sept. 16 after a full day of touring Washington, D.C. The flight transported 66 Kentucky veterans to see their memorials in the nation's capital.

This is the 12th year the cooperatives have sponsored an Honor Flight. Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives began working with Honor Flight in 2010 to honor Kentucky's veterans.

This flight carried one World War II veteran, eight Korean War veterans and two women veterans who were inducted into the Military Women's Memorial during the trip. The other veterans served our country during the Vietnam War. Two Purple Heart recipients were among the veterans on this trip.

Owen Electric was proud to sponsor Kenneth Dabbelt, Union, and Howard Chipman, Dry Ridge, on this year's flight.

"It's a privilege to be able to fly these veterans to their memorials, and it's an opportunity to honor them in some small way for their service to our nation and our community," says President and CEO Michael Cobb.

As in years past, veterans flew from Lexington to Reagan National Airport in Washington, D.C., where they boarded three buses for a full day of honors and sightseeing.

The day included viewing the changing of the guard ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Kentucky veterans also participated in a wreath-laying service at the tomb.



For more information on Honor Flight Kentucky, go to www.owenelectric.com/honor-flight.

Honoring Owen Electric's veterans

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Christina Perkins greets Owen Electric member Ken Cobb at the Northern Kentucky Community Day at Turfway Park in Florence. Photo: Whitney Duvall



Owen Electric was well-represented at the Kentucky State Police Foundation's Run to Remember 5K on Sept. 8. Owen Electric was proud to be a gold sponsor of the event, which raises funds to support state trooper safety training. Shown from left are Kevin, Gabby, Kallie and Khloe Welsh, joined by Meagan and Matt Greenlee. Photo: Emily Myers



Residential Services Manager Jude Canchola gives a Solar 101 Presentation on behalf of Boone County Cooperative Extension Service on Sept. 13. Canchola gave an overview of home solar arrays and Cooperative Solar options, including hidden costs associated with home array installations, and questions to ask when speaking with solar salespeople. Photo: Whitney Duvall