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Focusing on our community

"WE'RE HERE TO SERVE YOU." No doubt, you've heard the phrase countless times. While these words may

sound generic, to your local electric cooperative they mean everything.

Fairfield Electric Cooperative was created to serve our community. Back then, neighbors banded together and formed our co-op for the common good. In our case, it was the only way the community could bring electricity to the area where there was none. In doing so, Fairfield Electric helped the community thrive. That mission-focused heritage is the golden thread that is woven throughout our history.

We're proud of the role we play in making our community better. But we know you don't have to climb a pole to be a hero or wear a logo to make an impact.

We know our service territory is filled with unsung heroes that are serving those in need and empowering their neighbors. These are the members that inspire our commitment to community, and we want to celebrate them. If you are inspired by someone making a difference in our community, the Who Powers You contest is your chance to honor them and tell their stories. Anyone can nominate a neighbor, but nominees must either be a cooperative member, live in a residence served by an electric cooperative or be making a positive impact in a community served by the cooperative.

Fairfield Electric will award \$500 to a local winner, who will then have a chance at being named the 2023 South Carolina Who Powers You Hero and receive a \$2,500 grand prize. Winners will be selected by a panel of judges based on the impact they have on our community.

You can nominate a local hero by visiting **ecsc.org/WhoPowersYou**, where you'll be asked to share a photo of your nominee and answer three questions about how they are making a difference in their community. All entries must be submitted by July 31.

BRUCE G. BACON Chief Executive Officer





Annual Meeting of Members a success

FAIRFIELD ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE registered a total of 3,593 members during its 84th Annual Meeting drivethru registration held May 15–19. Members re-elected Peggy Swearingen (District 4), Derial Ogburn (District 5), Robert Kenneth Miles (District 6) and Robert Entzminger (At-Large) to the Board of Trustees. Cooperative members also approved changes to the bylaws.

In his remarks, Fairfield Electric CEO Bruce Bacon talked about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead for the cooperative. "We are confident that we have a strong foundation and a clear direction to continue serving our members with excellence and integrity," Bacon said.

Registered members were also eligible to win prizes. David B. Ray of Blythewood was the lucky grand prize winner of the 2013 Chevrolet Silverado. Gary and Jeanne K. Roths of Blythewood won the 42-inch Husqvarna riding lawn mower. Rounding out the top-three prize winners was Harley B. Wheat of Elgin, who received a \$500 electric bill credit.



We love our furry members. Fairfield Electric employee Roy McCracken shares a smile with Ken Dabbs's dog, Wilson, of Elgin during the annual meeting drive-thru registration.



Darion Takwa, son of Augustine Takwa of Lake Carolina was fascinated by the LED Lantern.



Carie Able and Shirley of Ridgeway were so excited to receive the member registration gift during the annual meeting.



Fairfield Electric employee Michael Greene poses with Kristina Cochran of Blythewood during annual meeting drive-thru registration.