



Central Georgia EMC

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Reliability, convenience, and value are our commitments to you

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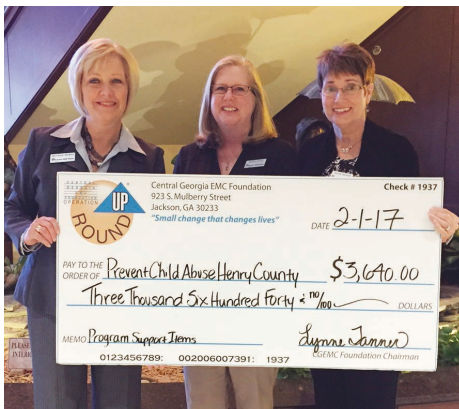
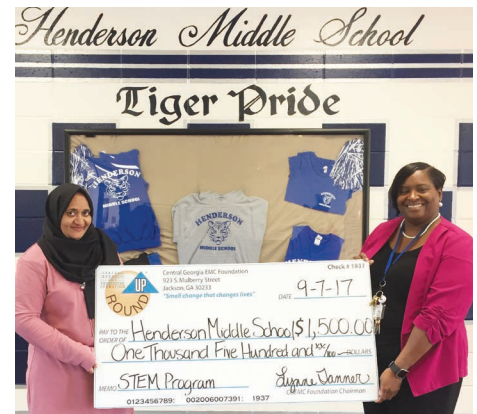
Giving Back is The Cooperative Way



The Seven Cooperative Principles are the heart of the cooperative business model and the foundation of cooperatives across the globe. One of these core principles is Concern for Community. While we focus on the needs of our customer-owners, we also support the sustainable development of the communities we serve. Operation Round Up (ORU) is an excellent example of this principle in action.

Central Georgia EMC (CGEMC) customer-owners who participate in ORU allow their monthly bill to be rounded up to the nearest dollar. Individually, this does not sound like much. Collectively, though, this small change can make a big difference in our communities. Through Operation Round Up, customer-owners have provided much-needed support for charitable and educational needs throughout CGEMC's 14-county service area.

If you know of a worthy organization within your community that could benefit from an ORU grant, program details and guidelines are available on our website at www.cgemc.com under Community Care. If you would like to add your change to support your community, please consider opting into the program by logging into your account on the customer portal or calling Customer Service at 770-775-7857. The average annual contribution is only \$6, but the value for your community is unlimited. All Operation Round Up contributions are tax deductible.



* The Seven Cooperative Principles can be found at www.cgemc.com/content/seven-cooperative-principles.

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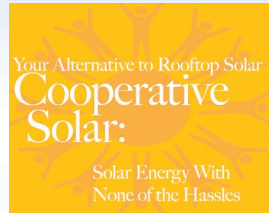
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Central Georgia EMC Offers Energy Solutions

Central Georgia EMC looks out for the interests of our customer-owners. We offer a variety of energy solutions that are based on need, convenience, and energy efficiency. If you are not already familiar with our programs, take a moment to see if any of them fit your current or future needs.

Looking for green energy options?

Our **Cooperative Solar** program is inspired by the desires of our customer-owners to participate in clean, renewable, solar energy sources without the worry of maintenance, contracts, or costly installations. You can become part of the Cooperative Solar program for \$19 per block, per month.



In addition to Cooperative Solar, we offer our customer-owners the option to support **Green Power**, an environmentally

friendly, biomass-produced energy source. Through our partner, Green Power EMC, customer-owners can purchase 150 kilowatt-hour blocks for the added per-block price of \$4.50 per month on their power bill. The power obtained is generated from the Taylor County landfill and reduces harmful methane in the environment while producing clean energy.

Want to stay connected and protected?

We have some of the fastest internet options available to rural customers with satellite broadband internet from Exede by ViaSat. We are glad to answer any questions and help you determine if Exede will work for your internet needs.

Electronic devices contain delicate components, and in many cases are connected to other points of entry like phone lines, antennas, satellite, or cable, making them more sensitive to fluctuations in current or voltage levels. Create a wall of protection from damaging surges caused by lightning or other electrical events with meter-base mounted surge protection for \$5.75 per month plus tax. Point-of-use surge protection is also available as an added layer of protection for these types of sensitive electronics.

Solutions for around the house

Are you considering some energy-efficient home improvements for the coming year? Central Georgia EMC has simplified the process by teaming up with GEMC Federal Credit Union to offer the **Home Plus energy efficiency home improvement loan program**. Replacing or upgrading a heat pump, water heater, insulation, roofing, or adding thermal windows and doors can potentially save you energy dollars. The Home Plus Loan Program can help make these upgrades a little more affordable.



When you are considering upgrades to your home, do not forget that your surrounding property may benefit from some attention as well. Our **outdoor lighting** is available to chase away the darkness with crisp, bright, energy-efficient LED bulbs. We have a choice of small or large lights. Both have affordable monthly rates, and best of all, we handle the maintenance.

For more information about any of these programs, please call our office at 770-775-7857 or visit our website, www.cgemc.com. We are glad to be your source of energy and information.

Organizations that have received Operation Round Up grants in 2017 include: *(Continued from page 1)*

100 Black Men of Macon — Middle Georgia
Action Ministries, Inc.
Adventure Bags, Inc.
Atlanta Community Food Bank
Barnett-Harris American Legion Post 15
Brave Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center
Busy Bees of Monticello-Project Linus
Butts County 4-H
Butts County Department of Leisure Services
Butts County Life Enrichment Team, Inc.
Camp Twin Lakes
Central Georgia Council, Boy Scouts of America
Clayton Co. DFACS
Communities in Schools of Henry County
Connecting Henry
Flint Circuit Council on Family Violence — Haven House

Foster Care Support Foundation
Foster Siblings Reunited — Camp to Belong
Fragile Kids Foundation
Georgia Food and Resource Center, Inc.
Griffin Area Habitat for Humanity
Griffin Area Resource Center
Griffin Spalding Co. Federation of Republican Women
Griffin United Methodist Preschool
Hands of Hope Clinic
Helping in His Name Ministries, Inc.
Henderson Middle School
Henry County Cancer Services
Initiative to Prevent Sexual Abuse, Inc.
Jackson High School
Jasper County High School
Jasper County Mentor Program

Jay's Hope Foundation
JHS Volleyball Spike Club
Locust Grove High School
Locust Grove Public Library — HCLS
Macon Volunteer Clinic
Mary Persons High School
Meals on Wheels of Middle Georgia, Inc.
Men About Change
Midway Recovery Systems
MM Hope House
Monroe County Kingdom Builders
Morgan County Foundation dba Madison-Morgan Cultural Center
Operation Lunchbox
People First of Henry County
Prevent Child Abuse Henry County
Project Linus

Putnam Community Resources
Reconciliation House, Inc.
Samaritans Together of Henry County
Sevananda Inc., "The Joy of Service"
Spalding County Parks Public Grounds and Leisure Services
Square Foot Ministry
Sunshine on a Ranney Day
The Muscular Dystrophy Association
United Food Force
United in Pink, Inc.

Year-End System Maintenance

Central Georgia EMC will be performing year-end computer maintenance beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 31, 2017. The customer information and payment system will not be available until 5 p.m. Monday, January 1, 2018. We apologize for any inconvenience.



PaySite Kiosk

We know your time is valuable, and not everyone has the same scheduling needs. Our 24/7 PaySite Kiosk, at the front of our main office, is a great option for customer-owners who need to pay outside of regular business hours. The kiosk lobby is well-lit, monitored, and open 24/7.

The kiosk accepts cash, check, credit card, and debit card, with no fees. If you normally use the night deposit box, we encourage you to consider using the payment kiosk. The PaySite Kiosk is fast and easy, and your payment posts immediately.

Your Capital Credit Checks Are in the Mail!

Be sure to check your mailbox for your Central Georgia EMC capital credit checks. These checks are your portion of the margins over and above the cost of providing services for customer-owners of Central Georgia EMC for the remainder of 1998, all of 1999, and a portion of 2000. According to the unique cooperative business principles that govern our not-for-profit business model, capital credits may be returned to each customer-owner on a pro-rata basis, with a schedule determined by Central Georgia EMC management and the board of directors.



Holiday Notice

The Central Georgia EMC office will close Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26, 2017, for the Christmas holiday. The office will also be closed Monday, January 1, 2018, for New Year's Day. In case of a power outage, call our 24-hour automated outage system at 770-775-7857 or 1-800-222-4877 for an immediate response. System Operators will be on duty to assist you.

Co-op Connections Card Deals of the Month

Use your Co-op Connections Card to find creative and personalized gifting options this holiday season. These local businesses look forward to giving our customer-owners the best service and deals available.

Belle Bottoms

24 Mulberry St., Jackson
678-774-8788

10 percent off non-sales items
(excluding embroidery)

CoTique Boutique

19 N. Lee St., Forsyth
478-992-8371

15 percent off total purchase (cannot be combined with other offers)

High Cotton Uptown

48 N. Jackson St., Forsyth
478-993-7213

15 percent off (some exclusions may apply)

Mary Lee's Gifts

733 Covington St., Jackson
770-775-7995

10 percent off merchandise

Miss Dottie's

155 Bill Conn Parkway, Gray
478-986-4270

1114 GA Hwy 96, Suite B-4, Kathleen
478-218-0018

10 percent off and free gift wrap (some exclusions may apply)

Sage & Sparrow

19 E. Johnston St., Forsyth
478-993-2281

10 percent off one full-priced item

Southern Grace Creations

Shoppes at River Crossing, Macon
478-305-7554

10 percent off non-sale item

If you own a local business and would like to participate in the Co-op Connections program, visit our website at www.cgemc.com to sign up or call our Marketing Department at 770-504-7831.



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Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month



Purchasing electronic gifts this holiday season? Remember to purchase ENERGY STAR®-certified electronics and give the gift of energy efficiency. Visit www.energystar.gov/productfinder for a full list of energy-efficient products.

—Source: energystar.gov

Recipe of the Month



Frosty Cranberry Salad

From the kitchen of Rita Myhand



Ingredients:

- 16-ounce can whole cranberry sauce
- 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup powdered sugar

Directions:

Combine fruits. Stir in sour cream and sugar, mixing well. Freeze in a 3-cup container. Slice to serve.

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