



CGEMC Foundation Grants Its Millionth Dollar

The Central Georgia EMC Foundation reached a milestone in October 2011 by awarding its millionth dollar through the Operation Round Up program to nonprofit organizations throughout our service territory. Operation Round Up is a community support program designed to raise funds to support worthwhile charitable needs within the 14 counties served by Central Georgia EMC.

Since the founding of the Central Georgia EMC Foundation in September 2006, the Foundation Board Members have awarded 421 grants, totaling \$1,141,658.83. Those grants were distributed to 256 organizations.

Randy Dougherty, chairman of the Central Georgia EMC Foundation Board, says, "The Operation Round Up program would not be possible

without the generosity of the Central Georgia EMC members who voluntarily allow their electric bill to be rounded up to the next dollar. For example, if your bill is \$64.44, you will pay \$65, with the 56 cents going to Operation Round Up."



The program provides funds to address special needs in our community.

These funds may not be used to pay power bills or as political contributions.

Some organizations in our communities that have been funded by Operation Round Up in 2011 are listed below:

- A Friend's House
- Abundant Life Soup Kitchen
- Brave Meadows Therapeutic Riding Center
- Butts County Life Enrichment Team
- Caring House
- Connecting Henry
- Fayette County Special Olympics
- Flint River Council Inc., Boy Scouts of America
- 4-H
- Georgia FCCLA

- Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
- Hope Health Clinic
- Humane Society of Morgan County Inc.
- Jasper County Volunteer Firefighters Auxiliary
- Jay's Hope Foundation
- Kairos Prison Ministry International
- Kingdom Builders
- Madison-Morgan Caring Place
- MainStay Academy
- Noah's Ark Animal Rehabilitation Center Inc.

- Prevent Child Abuse Henry County
- Putman Community Food Resources Inc.
- Ryan's Friends Inc.
- River of Life
- Shoes for God's Children
- Spectrum Autism Support Group
- The Griffin-Spalding Literacy Commission Inc.
- Tri-Community Volunteer Fire Department Inc.
- Young Life—Young Lives



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Central Georgia EMC's Value-added Products

Green Power

Green power generated from renewable resources is available in 150-kilowatt blocks for only \$4.50 per month.



Keeping Forests in Forests

Offset your carbon footprint by preserving, protecting, and managing Georgia's carbon-eating pine forests. Standard participation level is \$5 per month.

Marathon Water Heaters

Heating your water with an electric water heater is simple and efficient. A Marathon water heater will be the LAST water heater you ever have to buy! It is guaranteed not to leak for as long as you own your home!



Security Lighting



Light up your nights with a security light. Security lighting is a cost-effective way to bring peace of mind and security to your home and property. If an additional CGEMC pole is not required, it will cost you as little as \$8 a month.

Surge Protection

Central Georgia EMC has a variety of surge protection devices to help you protect your appliances and electronics from damage by lightning, and other types of power surges.



Holiday Closing

Central Georgia EMC's office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2011, and Tuesday, December 27, 2011, in observance of the Christmas holiday. We will also be closed on Monday, January 2, 2012, for the New Year's Day holiday. In case of a power outage, call our 24-hour automated outage system at 770-775-7857 or 800-222-4877 for an immediate response.

System operators will be on duty to assist you.



Central Georgia EMC's Value-added Services

Electric Education and Safety Programs

A favorite request from area schools is to have a Central Georgia EMC bucket truck visit, with a lineman speaking to students about his career, electrical safety, and education. Community groups or educators interested in arranging a safety and electrical education demonstration should contact the CGEMC office.

Gas South

Gas South is pleased to offer CGEMC customers who have natural gas a 2-cent discount, per therm, off all standard Gas South rate plans. Switch by going to www.gassouth.com/central or call 866-563-8129. Be sure to use promo code 490 to receive your discount.



Home Energy Audit

How energy efficient is your home? Do you feel drafts inside, or do rooms stay too cold or too hot? If you answered "yes" to these questions, it may be time to consider a FREE energy audit from one of Central Georgia EMC's energy services representatives.

Home Energy Suite

CGEMC customers can get fast, accurate information about their home's energy use with the new and improved HomeEnergySuite™, featured at www.cgemc.com.



HomePlus Loan Program

Make improvements to your home to save energy and money with the HomePlus Energy Efficient Home Improvement Loan program. Smart homeowners want to get the most value from their energy dollar. One way to increase the comfort of your home, while potentially saving money, is through improvements that will make it more energy efficient.

To make this process easier, Central Georgia EMC has partnered with GEMC Federal Credit Union to offer you a fast and economical way to finance your energy-effi-

cient home improvements through the HomePlus Energy Improvement Loan program. This program allows on-bill financing of your recommended improvements.

High-speed Internet Services

Whether you need broadband Internet access for your family, telecommuting, or a small office of employees, Central Georgia EMC has the solution for you. WildBlue is affordable, high-speed, two-way Internet access, via satellite. Download speeds are about 10 to 25 times faster than an existing dial-up telephone Internet service using a 56K modem, depending on which package you choose.



The Switch: Load Management Control Program

You can receive up to a \$30-per-year credit on your power bill for participating in this program. Load management is your silent partner in holding down the cost of electricity. The Switch turns your water heater off for typically up to five hours and/or your central air conditioner off for 7-1/2 minutes out of every half-hour. The peak demand periods usually occur only a few days each summer and last for a few hours.



Year-end Notice

On Friday, December 30, at 5 p.m., Central Georgia EMC will be unable to process payments due to year-end computer processing. The payment processing system will again be available on Sunday, January 1, 2012. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.



Project SHARE

Helping People in Need Brightens Lives



Central Georgia EMC (CGEMC) is proud to participate in the Salvation Army's Project SHARE.

Illness, sudden loss of income, unexpected bills, family emergencies — there are any number of reasons people may need help to pay for basic necessities: food, shelter, medical care, and utility bills. Project SHARE provides temporary relief to those in need of assistance. All contributions directly benefit those who need it most.

Your contribution is tax deductible.

Lending a hand is as easy as paying your electric bill.

Project SHARE donations are collected when participating CGEMC customers pay their electric bill. Money collected stays in the county where it originates, so your dollars go to work right in your own community. Project SHARE is neighbors helping neighbors.

Project SHARE, established by the Salvation Army in cooperation with the electric utilities of Georgia, is administered through the Salvation Army's designated agencies. Those seeking assistance should contact the Department of Family and Children Services in the county where they live.

If you would like to join this worthy cause, call 770-775-7857 or 800-222-4877 and let us know. You decide whether to contribute \$1, \$2, \$5, or \$10 to your electric bill payment each month. If, at any time, you would like to cancel your SHARE pledge, simply call CGEMC.

Project SHARE also accepts one-time donations. Please call, toll-free, 800-257-4273 or mail your donation to:



The Salvation Army
P.O. Box 8237
Atlanta, GA 30306

Recipe of the Month

Connecticut Beef Casserole

From the kitchen of **Bobbie Hansell**



Ingredients:

2 tablespoons shortening	1 cup sour cream
2 pounds beef stew meat (cut in 1-inch cubes)	1-¼ cups milk
2 large onions, diced	¼ teaspoon pepper
1 cup water	1-¼ cups fine bread crumbs or cracker crumbs
2 large potatoes (pared and thinly sliced)	1 teaspoon salt
1 can cream of mushroom soup	1 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Melt shortening in large skillet. Cook and stir meat and onions in shortening until meat is browned and onions are tender. Add water; heat to boiling. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 50 minutes.

Pour meat mixture into a greased, 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking dish. Arrange potato slices on meat. Stir together soup, sour cream, milk, salt and pepper; pour over potatoes. Sprinkle with cheese and bread or cracker crumbs. Bake uncovered 1-2 hours, or until potatoes and meat are tender.



Energy Efficiency

Tip of the Month

During the holiday season, consider using ENERGY STAR-qualified lights and strands to decorate. They use 70 percent less energy than regular lights and last up to 10 times as long. They also give off less heat, reducing the risk of fire.

—Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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