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Sawnee Electric Foundation Reaches \$5 Million Milestone



The Sawnee Electric Membership Foundation has reached a significant milestone, surpassing the \$5 million mark in donations. This achievement is a testament to the collective giving by thousands of Sawnee EMC member-owners over the years. The Foundation, established by Sawnee EMC in 2003, serves as an avenue to give back to local communities it serves.

Participating in the Operation Round Up program is optional for Sawnee EMC members, with the average annual contribution per member being about \$6. For example, if your electric bill is \$98.76, your bill would be rounded up to \$99.00, and that "24 cents" would go into the Sawnee Foundation and be donated to charity. Monthly donations can be as little as one penny or as much as \$1.00.

In the second quarter of 2025, the Sawnee Foundation gifted \$71,992.14 to the following charitable organizations:

2nd Quarter Foundation Recipients

- Operation Appreciation, Inc.
- Act Together Ministries
- Teacher Reuse Exchange, Inc.
- Thrive Together: A Center for Family Solutions, Inc.
- MUST Ministries, Inc.
- KARE for Kids, Inc.
- Bald Ridge Lodge, Inc.
- Johns Creek Community Arts Center
- Bethany Place, Inc.
- Forsyth County Humane Society, Inc.
- Hall-Dawson CASA Program, Inc.
- Child Advocates of Forsyth County, Inc.
- Families of Children Under Stress, Inc.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

I always like to look on the optimistic side of life, but I am realistic enough to know that life is a complex matter."

— Walt Disney

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Grow Your Summer Energy Savings

With just a few simple actions, you can use less electricity and reap the financial rewards of energy savings. Simple items such as adjusting the thermostat, using ceiling fans, and turning off lights help to reduce your summer energy usage. In fact, if you read Sawnee EMC's publications regularly or follow us on Facebook, you know there are a lot of things you can do at home to save energy and money.

The summer months often bring some of the highest energy bills of the year. But why? Cooling your home accounts for a large portion of your monthly energy usage, and in most cases the hotter it gets, the longer your air conditioner must operate to keep you cool.

But there are also other ways we can help you save - not only during the dog days of summer but throughout the entire year.

One of the great things about being a part of Sawnee EMC is that we're locally owned by you, our member. So instead of making profits, we can focus on helping our members in making wise energy decisions. That's why we have developed incentives and programs to help you keep your money in your wallet.

Save money with these easy incentives:

- **Rebates** – Sawnee EMC offers several ways to help you save on the energy efficient updates you make in your home. Many of our rebates can be claimed by simply filling out a form. Find a list of all our rebates at sawnee.coop/rebates.
- **Home Energy Adventure** – Use this online tool to learn how energy efficient you are and where you could improve your home's energy efficiency and save money.
- **Take Control of Your Use** – Use SmartHub to track your energy use. Review your daily and hourly energy usage so you know how much energy you are using before your billing statement arrives. Log in today at sawnee.coop.
- **Ways to Pay** – We have options for you. Contact us to learn about our budget or prepaid billing programs.

Contact us at 770-887-2363 or at marketing@sawnee.coop and we can work with you to find more ways to save energy—and money.

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The Foundation provided \$10,000 to the Gwinnett Tech Foundation to be used to implement scholarships for students attending the Alpharetta campus of Gwinnett Technical College. Lastly, two (2) Cherokee County schools, Holly Springs Elementary and Mountain Road Elementary, received \$2,662.14 to cover a deficit in their lunchroom house accounts. This ensures children in Cherokee County receive a hot lunch.

Participate in Operation Round Up and be part of making a difference in your community. Enroll today at sawnee.coop/oru or contact a member of our Customer Call Center at 770-887-2363, text 678-999-8124, or chat online at sawnee.coop.



Sawnee Electric Membership
FOUNDATION

Supporting the Communities We Serve

Stay Cool this Summer

It's July in Georgia and that means it's hot outside. With the buzz of barbeques, pool parties, and outdoor family adventures, it can be easy to forget about the impact summer can have on energy bills. Even though temperatures may be sweltering outside, you can still save with smarter energy usage practices inside your home. We can help with some tips to make your summer sizzle without burning through your energy budget:



Thermostat Optimization: Experts recommend setting your thermostat at 78 degrees when you're at home. Raise it a few degrees when you're away to reduce cooling costs without sacrificing comfort. When you're in a room, turn ceiling fans on (instead of lowering the temperature setting on the thermostat) to help stay comfortable.



Turn off Lights and Fans: When you leave a room or when you are no longer being cooled by a fan... flip the switch, turn it off. No sense in wasting that electricity when it is benefitting no one.



Grill and Chill: Take the cooking outdoors and fire up the grill! Using your stove or oven can heat up your home; making your AC work harder.



Seal in the Cool: Keep the heat outside where it belongs by sealing gaps around doors and windows. This simple step prevents the cool air from escaping and warm air from sneaking in.

Keep out the Heat: Close blinds or window coverings to prevent heat gain during the day.



Learn more through our Energy Solutions Center at sawnee.coop. Questions about your home's energy efficiency? Contact a member of our Energy Services team at 770-887-2363 or via email at marketing@sawnee.coop.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

During summer months, operate large appliances that emit heat such as clothes dryers and dishwashers during the late evening when the outdoor temperature is lower. Running heat-emitting appliances at night will reduce indoor heat gain during the day when outdoor temperatures are highest and ultimately keep your air conditioner from working harder than necessary.

Ready to read more energy saving tips? Visit our Energy Solutions Center at sawnee.coop.

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Here's WATTS Cookin' Brownies

Ingredients:

12 oz pkg chocolate chips, divided	1 egg
1/4 cup butter	1 tsp vanilla
2 cups Bisquick	1 cup chopped nuts (optional)
1 (14 oz) can sweetened condensed milk	

Instructions:

In a large saucepan over low heat melt 1 cup chips and butter together. Stir occasionally until well blended. Remove from heat. Add Bisquick, milk, vanilla and egg and mix well. Stir in remaining chips and nuts. Spray or grease well 9x13 inch pan. Pour in brownies. Bake 20 to 25 mins. at 350 degrees. Cool and frost if desired.



👉 Thanks to Sue Marchman for the recipe! Do you have a recipe to share with us? If we print it, we'll credit your account \$5.00. Send your favorite recipe to marketing@sawnee.coop.