



## Community Focused

- Scholarships
- Youth Programs
- Grant Awards
- Sponsorships
- Community Events
- Volunteering

## Life Support? Make Plans in Case of an Outage

For people who rely on life-support equipment at home, a power outage could be a matter of life or death. NEC maintains a Residential Critical Care List that includes consumers who have a member of the household on life-sustaining equipment and for whom a power interruption may be dangerous and life-threatening. For those who qualify, when possible and reasonable, NEC makes an effort to notify these individuals in advance of a planned outage or known pending emergency situation. “Whenever you sign up for NEC’s critical care list, we make it a priority to alert you of potential outages,” said Rhonda Bell, Member Care Manager. “You can call our office or go to our website to download the forms. Take these forms to your doctor and they will fax the appropriate documents to us.” If you or someone in your home depends on an electrically operated health aid, take these steps to prepare for power outages.

- Plug electronic devices into surge suppressors and consider using uninterruptible power supplies on important devices. A UPS acts as a temporary battery backup to some devices.
- Consider investing in a portable generator that can power vital equipment in the event of an extended outage.
- Make arrangements to move in temporarily with friends or family, or even go to a hospital during a power failure if a generator is impractical.
- Keep an adequate supply of prescription drugs and medical equipment on hand

## Sign-up Today!

Visit our website: <https://nueceselectric.org/content/critical-care-renewal-letter> to download the critical care renewal form.

# Operation Round-Up

When you become a member of Nueces Electric Cooperative, you aren't just joining the electric co-op that has energized South Texas for the past 80-years. Your NEC membership has a direct impact in the well-being of local communities through participation in Operation Round-Up.

Through Operation Round-Up, Nueces Electric Cooperative members volunteer to "round up" their electric bills to the next dollar. All of the additional change goes to a non-profit fund developed by NEC called Nueces Electric Charities, Inc. The money adds up each year and Nueces Electric Charities (on behalf of all participating NEC members) gives a check to various worthy community projects like the HALO-Flight air ambulance service. The monthly donation by a member, per account, never exceeds 99 cents per month, can be as low as a penny, and averages just \$6 per year.

Nueces Electric Charities has supported a variety of organiza-

tions including South Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, United Way of the Coastal Bend, Driscoll Children's Hospital and many more.

Grant projects/programs that address these areas of needs receive priority consideration:

- Education
- Health
- Welfare
- Human Services

Applications are due Jan. 1 and July 1 of every year and more information can be found at [www.nuecescharities.org](http://www.nuecescharities.org).



## Happy Easter!

**NEC Co-op Energy will be closed on Friday, April 10, 2020.**

We wish you a joyful and peaceful Easter Sunday!



## Christmas Card Contest!

**Deadline Extended! Wednesday, July 8, 2020.**

Help celebrate the holidays with and participate in the NEC 2020 Christmas Card Contest! This is a great opportunity to get into the holiday spirit and express your creativity! Do you think your drawing is the best of the best? We would love to feature it in our magazine! Our magazine reaches a wide audience and we want to celebrate your artwork! Download our application today at [www.nueceselectric.org](http://www.nueceselectric.org)!

## Enter Today!