

July 2018

Shelby Energy volunteers at Ronald **McDonald House Charities**

Volunteers from Shelby Energy recently helped the Ronald McDonald House Charities brighten the day for families attending to a child who is in the hospital.

"Kentucky's Ronald McDonald Houses provide an invaluable service to families at one of the most stressful times of their lives—when their child is sick in the hospital," says Debbie Martin, President & CEO. "It is an honor for Shelby Energy to help provide a bit of comfort to those families."

They joined volunteers from other Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives in lending a hand at Kentucky's Ronald McDonald House in Louisville. They were happy to help with preparing lunch and cleaning the facility.

Shelby Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives will be a Leadership Partner during 2018, and sponsor Ronald McDonald Houses in Lexington and Louisville. We will continue to provide funds to support the facilities and lend a hand to provide that "home" for families during their time of need.

Cooperative employees and their families will volunteer occasionally to assist with providing meals, restocking supplies, cleaning and decorating at both of Kentucky's Ronald McDonald Houses.

"Shelby Energy is proud to sponsor Ronald McDonald House Charities of the Bluegrass and Ronald McDonald





House Charities of Kentuckiana," Martin states.

"On behalf of the families we serve at Ronald McDonald House Charities

Above, Johnna DeWitt, front, with Evelyn Lancaster, Shelby Energy employees volunteering at the Ronald McDonald House.

Left, from top clockwise: Shelby Energy employees Jean McLaughlin, Evelyn Lancaster, Shelley Daily, Johnna DeWitt and Sergio Cole. Photos: Tim Webb

of Kentuckiana, we thank Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives for your generous support," says Hal Hedley, Chief Executive Officer of RMHC of Kentuckiana. "We proudly provide a loving, caring "home-awayfrom-home" for families of seriously ill children, regardless of their ability to pay, and we could not do so without supporters like you."

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All members signing up for new service with Shelby Energy receive a short survey. Members who return the completed survey to Shelby Energy are automatically eligible to win a one-time \$20 credit on their electric bill. Each month, one name is drawn and a lucky Shelby Energy member receives a bill credit on their next statement.

The new member survey winner for March was Allison Bailey of Shelbyville; the winner for April was Angela Harmon of Carrollton.



From the CEO

Strength in numbers

I am often asked what the difference is between an electric cooperative and any other electric utility. The poles and transformers look the same, and the kilowatts powering homes and businesses are the same.

So, what's the difference?

Simply put, a cooperative is a not-for-profit business owned and controlled by the people who use its services. Unlike investor-owned utilities, Shelby Energy Cooperative is operated by and for people in the communities we serve. Our goal is to

provide safe and reliable power to our members.

Electric cooperative members share more than electricity. They share the same principles and work hard to improve quality of life for all.

Just as we work to make sure that your membership with Shelby Energy provides a real value and difference in your life, we also draw strength from fellow electric cooperatives



In March, Shelby Energy line technicians provided assistance to Rappahannock Electric Cooperative in Fredericksburg, Virginia, after severe storms came through their area.

from across both the state of Kentucky and our country.

Shelby Energy is one of 26 electric cooperatives in Kentucky and over 900 nationwide. Through our membership in the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives (KAEC), we work with other co-ops to cost-effectively serve about 1.5 million Kentucky co-op members.

This partnership allows us to pool our resources and deliver high-quality

services, such as safety and management training, government advocacy and public relations support including *Kentucky Living* magazine.

Another reassuring and fundamental way that cooperatives support each other is the mutual aid we offer after natural disasters. In just the last two years, Kentucky's electric cooperatives have made three major deployments to help restore power after hurricanes and winter storms.

The national network of transmission and distribution infrastructure

owned by electric cooperatives is built to federal standards, and line crews from any co-op in America can arrive on the scene ready to provide emergency support, secure in their knowledge of the system's engineering.

Each Kentucky co-op ensures it has crews available for all local needs before committing resources to mutual aid requests.

When Shelby Energy needs help, an entire network

of cooperatives is ready to come to our aid. When we respond to other co-ops' requests for help, our crews receive valuable experience that helps prepare them to respond when power outages happen here.

At Shelby Energy, we appreciate our members, and encourage them to reach out to us any time we can be of assistance. We are your cooperative, and that makes all the difference.



DISTRICT I

Renee Stohlmann

Shelby County High School

Hannah Cleary

Collins High School

DISTRICT II

Whitney Rodgers

Henry County High School

Emma Topp

Henry County High School

DISTRICT III

Ella Aponte

Trimble County High School

Karli Tilley

Trimble County High School

Congratulations!

Shelby Energy 2018 Washington Youth Tour Delegates

Abraham Collum Christian Education Consortium

Veneda Burgess Henry County High School

Will Kunselman Trimble County High School



TEENS FACE **ELECTRICAL HAZARDS**

DO YOUR TEENS KNOW HOW TO BE RESPONSIBLE WITH ELECTRICITY?

As parents grant their children more freedom, teenagers also must assume more responsibility for their safety.

But some teens may be putting that safety at risk without realizing it.

SHARE THESE DO'S AND DON'TS WITH YOUR TEENS THIS SUMMER

DO switch off and unplug all hairdryers, straighteners, curling irons and the like when you are done using them.

DON'T ever use or touch anything electrical that's plugged into an outlet when you are wet or standing on a wet surface.

DON'T ever reach for an appliance that is still plugged in and has fallen into a wet sink or tub. Pull the plug, if you are dry, or turn off the power at the main breaker first.

DO have your parents show you how to turn off the power to the entire house at the main breaker or fuse box in case of an emergency, like if someone is being shocked or an appliance catches fire or falls into water.





Shelby Energy will be closed in observance of Independence Day on Wednesday, July 4th. In the event of an outage, please call 1-800-292-6585

Shelby Energy sponsoring

Honor Flight Kentucky 2018



Shelby Energy Cooperative will again sponsor local veterans to attend the Kentucky Touchstone Energy Honor Flight. Honor Flight Kentucky is a nonprofit organization that exists to honor America's veterans. Its mission is to fly veterans to Washington D.C. for a one-day trip to visit the

memorials that are dedicated to their service and sacrifice. Shelby Energy has the great honor of sponsoring the flight, along with many other electric cooperatives across Kentucky, on September 22, 2018. For more information, please call Laurie Gutermuth at (502) 633-4420 or email at laurie@shelbyenergy.com.



The veterans sponsored by Shelby Energy on the 2017 flight are John Tinsley, left, and Gilbert Lopesilvero. Photo: Barbie Goodwin

Shelby Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives congratulate Olympic Summer Games participants

Shelby Energy and Kentucky's Touchstone Energy Cooperatives are proud to have been sponsors of the 2018 Kentucky Special Olympics Summer Games. The games were held June 1-3 at Eastern Kentucky University and included competitions in track and field, swimming, rhythmic gymnastics, bocce ball and flag football.

The motto of Special Olympics athletes is "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." Shelby Energy would like to congratulate all the athletes who were brave in their attempts and participated in this year's Special Olympics!

