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Members may join or “opt-in” to the Cares program by contacting their local UCEMC office at 1-800-261-2940 or visiting ucemc.com and clicking on *UCEMC Cares*. Once a member signs up for the program, UCEMC rounds up the monthly bills of participants to the next dollar – with the average member donating less than \$6.00 annually. So please opt-in and round-up today!

Since the program began, UCEMC Cares has awarded more than *\$1 million* in grants to charitable organizations in the community. Here are some frequently asked questions about UCEMC Cares and how the program works:

1) What is UCEMC Cares?

- UCEMC Cares is a voluntary program that operates from the same cooperative principle, "Concern for the Community." UCEMC Cares, Inc. is a state-chartered, nonprofit corporation separate from Upper Cumberland Electric Membership Corporation (UCEMC). A volunteer board of directors reviews applications and awards grants. Contributions from members, who choose to opt-in and round up their monthly electric bill to the nearest dollar, are disbursed to charitable organizations for programs and services that benefit the communities UCEMC serves. All funds remain in the UCEMC service area, and UCEMC collects no administration or management fees. None of the money collected goes for political purposes or to pay electric bills. *Instead, every penny* shared makes lives better in our communities. Every penny you give makes a difference!
- UCEMC members may **opt-in** to the tax-deductible program and **round up** their bill to the next dollar (a \$93.75 bill becomes \$94.00). UCEMC Cares, Inc. will use this spare change to assist

qualified organizations and causes. The funds raised from the UCEMC Cares program will have a long-lasting, positive impact on our communities.

2) How will UCEMC Cares funds be used?

- UCEMC Cares funds go back into the communities UCEMC serves in grants to qualified organizations serving our members' health, safety, civic and educational needs. For example, school-related booster/athletic clubs, PTO, historical societies, community centers, food banks, libraries, volunteer fire departments, veterans associations, rescue squads, senior centers, youth camps, etc.). A complete list of grant recipients is posted on the UCEMC website and available to all UCEMC members.

3) How does my organization qualify/apply for a UCEMC Cares grant?

- Charitable organizations serving the UCEMC service area with health, safety, and educational needs can apply for a grant. The organization does not have to be a 501c3.
- To apply for a grant, download the application at ucemc.com, submit the completed application via the instructions and return. Or, visit your UCEMC District office and pick up a grant application.

4) Who decides what organizations or groups will receive grants?

- The UCEMC Cares Board of Directors decides which organizations qualify for grants. (The UCEMC Cares board is *not affiliated with*, nor to be confused with, the UCEMC Board of Directors).

5) What is the UCEMC Cares board of directors?

- The UCEMC Cares Board of Directors is a volunteer (not paid) group of five UCEMC members selected from each district of the Upper Cumberland Electric service area. This group of Directors will represent the communities in which they live and distribute grants to qualified groups across the entire UCEMC service area.

6) Who sits on the UCEMC Cares Board?

- The following members serve as the UCEMC Cares Board of Directors for 2023:

District 1 - Carol Woodard - Secretary - Kenneth Frye, Director

District 2 - Greta Hurst - Chair

District 3 - Phil Marshall - Vice-Chair

District 4 - Minnie Clemons - Treasurer

- 7) What is their length of term, and how long may they serve?**
- After the initial term of each Director expires, the successor Director's terms shall be three years. After the initial term of each Director, no successor Director shall serve more than six consecutive years.
- 8) If a member chooses to participate and has multiple accounts, will all accounts be rounded up?**
- Any member with multiple accounts may choose which account(s) the member wishes to round up. For example, a member with five (5) accounts may choose to opt-in and round up three (3) of the accounts and not round up the remaining two (2).
- 9) How do I know how much of my bill is going to UCCEMC Cares?**
- Your monthly billing statement will have a line item titled UCCEMC Cares and the amount of the round-up. In addition, your bill will list the total amount you have donated on that same line for tax purposes.
- 10) What if I change my mind about rounding up?**
- Any member may choose to discontinue the round-up of their bills at any time by contacting UCCEMC.

Pennies alone won't go far, but when combined with spare change from almost 51,000 other UCCEMC members that money can change a lot! Sign-up to round-up today.

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