



## SEC Practices Cooperative Principle #7 — Concern for Community



SEC's President & CEO Jeff Edwards presents a donation to Andrea Miller of United Methodist Family Services (UMFS). UMFS, with an office in Farmville, serves children, families and communities throughout Virginia. Services include residential treatment and specialized education, foster care, adoption and community-based programs. SEC made a contribution that was matched by CoBank, a banking partner of SEC.

Cooperatives across the globe adhere to the same Seven Cooperative Principles that guide all of our decisions — from how we run the co-op to how we engage with our local communities. Concern for community is the seventh principle, and it is one that all employees of Southside Electric Cooperative (SEC) value year-round.

Concern for the community is the reason why SEC was founded. Our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents came together using the cooperative business model as their guide. It was their concern for community — to bring safe, reliable and affordable electric power to our region — that defined our purpose.

In addition to providing reliable electric service, SEC gives back to our community through scholarships, Youth Tour, school programs, donations and sponsorships to local organizations, and volunteerism.

While it has been 80 years since we began offering electricity, our concern for our community has never wavered. No matter how great or small the act, every time we give back, we strengthen our community and our relationship with our members.



SEC's President & CEO Jeff Edwards presents a donation to SEC member Clint Arrington, founder of Lonesome Dove Equestrian. Their mission is to serve the needs of veterans in Central Virginia through therapeutic riding and equine-related activities. SEC, along with banking partner CoBank, is proud to support such a worthy nonprofit in our service territory.



Mike Lobue, right, a member of the SEC Board of Directors, presents a donation to Bart Matthies, a volunteer with Lake Christian Ministries in Moneta. SEC donated to the ministry, and banking partner CoBank matched the contribution. Lake Christian Ministries, an all-volunteer organization started in 1992, provides food, clothes, job coaching, life counseling and emergency financial assistance for residents of Bedford, Pittsylvania and Franklin counties.



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