

Current Conversations

January 2026



Looking Back, Moving Forward: Purpose in Action

As we begin 2026, I want to take a moment to reflect on what we accomplished together in 2025—and what it reveals about the cooperative we're becoming.

This past year, commitments moved from words on a page to actions that strengthened the entire community. More than 600 members enrolled in the Round Up program, transforming spare change into **over \$28,000 in assistance for 120+ families** facing hardship.

Members, employees, and community partners donated over \$50,000 in bill payment assistance funding for members through the Cooperative Giving program. When 160 families gathered at the Tarrant Area Food Bank, West's Community Market, TCEC team members were there, connecting neighbors to resources that extend far beyond the electric meter.

Meanwhile, the TCEC food drive brought essential supplies to Parker County Center of Hope, Azle Community Caring Center, and Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter, while 34 pints of blood donated through a Carter BloodCare partnership helped more than 100 patients in need.

We also redesigned tcectexas.com using existing resources **at no additional cost to members**, creating powerful search tools and mobile-first design that puts information at your fingertips whenever you need it.

In 2026, we're investing \$200,000 in scholarships for 40 local high school seniors, **funded by unclaimed capital credits** that directly reinvest in the communities we serve.

In the coming months, you'll receive a comprehensive 2025 Annual Report. It's a detailed look at TCEC's financial progress, operational improvements, and community impact. It will show how every decision worked toward TCEC's mission: providing safe and reliable power at the lowest possible cost.



Scott Spence
President & CEO

Thank you for being part of this journey.

Together, we're building something that extends far beyond electricity. We're powering a community that cares for its neighbors.

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Built for You: Explore the New tcectexas.com

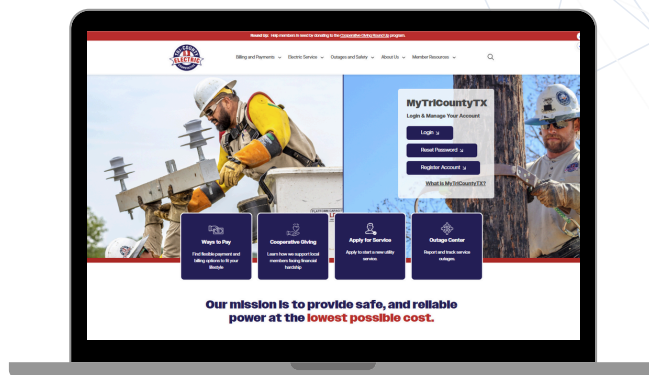
At Tri-County Electric Cooperative, we are committed to being responsible stewards of your resources while providing the tools you need to stay empowered. Based on your feedback, we've redesigned tcectexas.com to put you at the center of everything we do.

In keeping with our mission to provide service at the lowest possible cost, this new site was developed using existing resources and was **redesigned at no additional cost to our members.**

It is built on the same foundation of reliability you expect from our team, featuring:

- **Powerful Search** - Find membership details and resources quickly, without the endless searching.
- **Enhanced Resources** - Access a wealth of energy-saving tips, calculators, and videos designed to help you reach your goals.
- **Mobile-First Design** - Enjoy a seamless experience whether you are at home or on the go.

Explore your new member communications hub today and see how we're working to serve you better.



Discover the new tcectexas.com

Don't Miss Out: Update Your Contact Info

December marked the final month members received the printed [Texas Co-op Power](https://tcectexas.com/texas-co-op-power) magazine by mail. This decision reflects our commitment to being responsible stewards of your member dollars while keeping you informed and connected.

You can continue viewing the magazine online at tcectexas.com/texas-co-op-power, though TCEC's pages will no longer be included in future editions. This change will save the Cooperative approximately one million dollars annually.

We're shifting our focus to digital communication through the monthly *Current Conversations* email newsletter and tcectexas.com. These platforms deliver Cooperative news, outage alerts, energy-saving tips, and important updates more quickly and cost-effectively than a printed magazine.

To stay connected and informed, please ensure we have your current contact information on file. We encourage all members to:

- **Download the MyTriCounty app** for instant access to your account, outage updates, and Cooperative news
- **Verify your email address and phone number** are up-to-date so you receive the monthly newsletter and time-sensitive communications

You can update your contact information by logging into your account through [the MyTriCounty app](https://tcectexas.com), or by contacting member service directly at **817.444.3201**.

Keeping your information current ensures you won't miss important updates or opportunities to connect with your Cooperative.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS

Districts 6 & 8: Here's Your Special Election Update

TCEC will hold a special election in Spring 2026 to fill vacant Director seats for Districts 6 and 8. Only members residing within these specific districts are eligible to run for office or cast a vote.

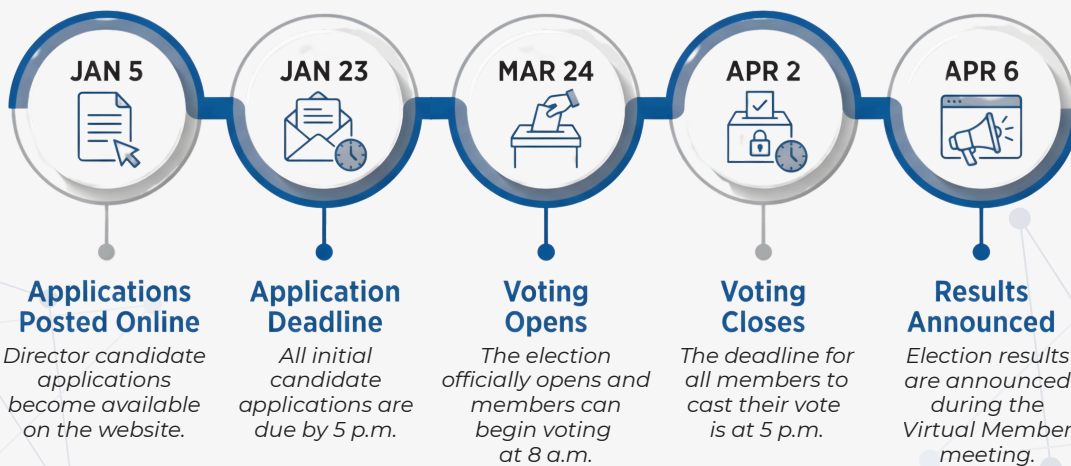
Want to Represent Your District?

The application window opens **January 5, 2026**. Prospective candidates must submit all required materials, including a petition with 25 verifiable signatures from their district, by 5 p.m. on **January 23, 2026**.

Key candidate requirements include: a completed application and affidavit, pass a background check and disclose potential conflicts of interest and complete a mandatory interview with the Credentials and Elections Committee.

2026 Special Elections: Key Dates

Tri-County Electric Cooperative Director Election (Districts 6 & 8)



Get the Full Details

For a comprehensive guide on district boundaries, candidate eligibility, petitioning status, full election policies, and the regular election schedule for other districts, please visit tcectexas.com/director-elections or click below.

[2025 Election Policy](#)[Bylaws](#)[2025 Election Timeline](#)

ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

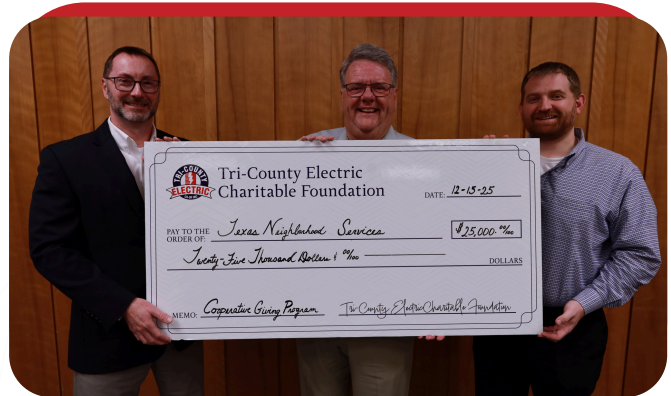
\$50,000 Raised for Neighbors in Need

TCEC is proud to announce a second \$25,000 donation to Texas Neighborhood Services, bringing our **total 2025 support to \$50,000**.

This milestone was made possible by the generosity of members, employees, and corporate partners like Wagner, whose **\$2,500 contribution** helped us reach this goal.

These funds are specifically earmarked for the Cooperative Giving Program, which provides a vital lifeline for TCEC members facing financial crises and struggling to pay their electric bills across our 16-county service area.

"You guys really have made a huge impact in the community," said Bradley Manning, Executive Director of Texas Neighborhood Services. "From everyone that has been helped—thank you."



See how these funds are making a difference:
read more & watch the presentation.

The Power of Pennies: TCEC's Round Up Success Story

What can you do with \$0.50? Not much on its own, but when more than 600 Tri-County Electric Cooperative members round up their bills each month, those spare cents transform into something powerful: hope for neighbors facing hardship.

This year, TCEC's Round Up for Cooperative Giving program reached an incredible milestone, surpassing our goal of 500 participating members and **providing over \$28,000 in essential electric bill payment assistance** to more than 120 families across North Texas.

It's proof that when we come together, even the smallest contributions can create meaningful change.

Curious how it works? Read the full story to learn how this simple program is keeping lights on, homes safe, and hope alive throughout our service area and discover how easy it is to get involved today.

**Special thanks to
our partners:**



Need Help Paying Your Bill?

If you are a TCEC member in need of assistance with a past-due bill, please reach out to Texas Neighborhood Services (TNS) to apply for program funds:

Email: application@txns.org

Phone: 817-598-5700 ext. 1010

ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

Youth Tour Applications Due Jan. 30

TCEC is sponsoring four high school students (grades 10-11) for an all-expenses-paid leadership trip to Washington D.C.

This isn't just a field trip. It's a week experiencing government in action, meeting your elected representatives, and building connections with student leaders from across the nation.

Eligibility: Current 10th or 11th grade student residing with a TCEC member.

Deadline: Applications due **January 30, 2026, at 11:59 PM.**

This opportunity comes once. Don't miss it. [Apply now at tcectexas.com/youth-tour.](https://tcectexas.com/youth-tour)



Logan Dowell
Keller HS, Keller ISD

"One of the best experiences of my life where I got to meet new people, learn more about the importance of community, and explore our nation's history."

Youth Scholarship Opportunity

Forty local high school seniors graduating in 2026 will receive a \$5,000 scholarship toward an academic degree or technical certification.

Eligibility: Must be a 2026 senior and reside with a TCEC member.

Deadline: Due by **February 13, 2026, at 11:59 PM.**

Download your application packet and learn more at tcectexas.com/scholarships.

These funds come from unclaimed capital credits, directly reinvesting in our community.

Roll Up Your Sleeve Save a Life This Week!

When emergencies happen, blood donations must be ready and waiting. TCEC is proud to partner with Carter BloodCare to host blood drives across our service area, and we need YOU to help us exceed last year's impact.

Your donation saves lives. Last year, our members and employees donated 34 pints of blood, enough to help more than 100 patients in need.

Every pint donated can save up to three lives, meaning our collective effort could impact hundreds of families in our community.

Why donate now?

- Blood supplies run critically low during the holiday season
- Your one hour can give someone a lifetime of moments with their loved ones
- Receive a free health screening, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol check

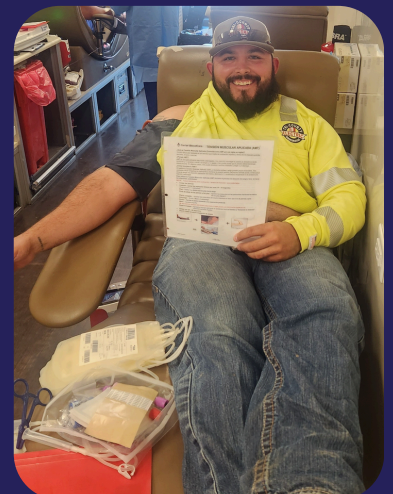
Upcoming Blood Drives - Week of January 6:

- [Tuesday, Jan. 6 - Azle](#)
- [Wednesday, Jan. 7 - Keller](#)
- [Thursday, Jan. 8 - Granbury](#)

Walk-ins welcome, but appointments help us serve you faster.

Click on the dates above to schedule your appointment.

Together, we can give our neighbors the most precious gift of all, hope and healing.



ENHANCING MEMBER SERVICE

TCEC Brings Resources to 160 Families

When the TCEC community engagement team joined a Community Market shopping day at the [Tarrant Area Food Bank West](#), it was about more than just being present. It was about being a resource when families needed it most.

As approximately 160 local families selected nutritious foods through TAFB's dignified client-choice model, TCEC team members were there to share something equally vital: information about programs designed to help members beyond the electric meter.

Families discovered resources like the Brazos Hardship Fund, bill-payment assistance options, and services through Texas Neighborhood Services, all made possible by TCEC Cooperative Giving and the Round Up program. For many facing financial strain, these programs provide a pathway to stability, helping them maintain essential services and navigate challenging times with support from their cooperative community.

This partnership with the [Tarrant Area Food Bank](#) is just one way TCEC lives out the cooperative principle of Concern for Community—extending our reach and strengthening the neighborhoods we're proud to serve.

Learn more about TAFB's mission at tafb.org.

TCEC Food Drive: Hope to Local Families

When we talk about powering communities, it's about more than just electricity. It's about powering lives. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of TCEC members and employees, our recent food donation drive brought essential supplies to families and neighbors facing difficult times.

Donations are now serving those in need through three vital community organizations:

- [Parker County Center of Hope](#) provides emergency food assistance, clothing, and support services to families throughout Parker County.
- [Azle Community Caring Center](#) serves as a lifeline for Azle-area residents, providing food pantry services, utility assistance, and crisis intervention.
- [Weatherford Parker County Animal Shelter](#) cares for abandoned and surrendered animals while they await their forever homes.

This food drive is a perfect example of what makes our cooperative special, members and employees working together to strengthen the communities we call home.



Outage Center



Cooperative Giving



Power Cost
Recovery Tracker



Ways to Pay



Office Locations



Member
Information Center