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WREC Brightens Christmas for Over 200 Local Children Through Angel Tree Program

December 2025- It's that special time of year again when Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative (WREC) employees come together to make the holiday season brighter for children in need. Through the annual Angel Tree program, WREC employees raised funds throughout the year to provide Christmas gifts for less fortunate students in our communities.

To amplify the impact, WREC matched the amount raised by employees, doubling the generosity and ensuring even more children could experience the joy of Christmas.

This year, WREC proudly provided gifts for **202 children**, ensuring they experience the joy of Christmas. Each WREC office partnered with local schools to identify students in need:

- **West Hernando Office** partnered with the *Hernando County School Board*.
- **Crystal River Office** provided gifts for students at *Citrus Springs Elementary*.
- **Bayonet Point Office** provided gifts for students at *Fox Hollow Elementary*.
- **One Pasco Center** provided gifts for students at *Quail Hollow Elementary*.
- **General Office** provided gifts for students at *Lacoochee Elementary*, *Pasco Elementary*, and *Cox Elementary*.

"This program is a true testament to the heart and compassion of WREC and our employees," said David Lambert, WREC's General Manager. "Being able to give these children a Christmas they might not otherwise have is both humbling and rewarding. It reflects the care we have for our communities and the difference we can make when we come together."

David also expressed his gratitude - "I want to personally thank every WREC employee who participated in the Angel Tree program. Your generosity and dedication have made this Christmas brighter for so many children, and that is something truly special."

The Angel Tree program is more than just giving gifts—it's about spreading hope and joy to families who need it most. WREC is proud to continue this tradition and looks forward to making an even greater impact in the years to come.

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC):

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving over 271,000 homes and businesses in Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, Polk, and Sumter counties since 1947. WREC is dedicated to providing safe and resilient energy and services at the best possible value to its Members while actively contributing to the communities it serves.

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