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WREC Hosts Successful Fundraiser for Vincent House, Raising Over \$63,000

May 2, 2025 – Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC) is delighted to announce the remarkable success of its Vincent House Breakfast fundraiser, held this morning. The event, aimed at supporting Vincent House's vital work in mental health, garnered tremendous community support and raised over \$63,000.

Vincent House is an essential organization dedicated to assisting individuals with mental illness, providing them with resources, community, and opportunities for personal growth. As May is Mental Health Awareness Month, WREC is honored to partner with Vincent House to emphasize the importance of mental health and the transformative impact Vincent House has on the lives of those it serves.

Gary Steele, WREC's Manager of Member Relations, expressed gratitude for the generous support from attendees and the community, saying, "We are immensely proud of the success of this event and thankful for the support from our sponsors and participants."

In addition to fundraising efforts, WREC is committed to supporting Vincent House through employment opportunities. WREC hires transitional employees from Vincent House, offering them valuable experience in work settings and helping them develop essential skills for future employment. This partnership not only empowers individuals but also enriches the WREC community with diverse perspectives and talents.

David Lambert, General Manager of WREC, added, "Our cooperative's commitment to community well-being goes beyond providing resilient electric service. It extends to creating opportunities for individuals to grow, learn, and thrive. We are proud to support Vincent House and the positive impact it has on the community."

The Vincent House Breakfast featured inspiring speeches and heartfelt testimonials from individuals who have benefited from Vincent House's programs. It also celebrated the ongoing partnership between WREC and Vincent House, highlighting the Cooperative's dedication to investing in the well-being of the community.

Karis Kaeser, Executive Director of Vincent House, expressed her appreciation for WREC's continuous support, stating, "WREC has been a steadfast partner in our mission to support individuals with mental illness. This fundraiser will enable us to expand our reach and offer even more transformative experiences to those we serve."

WREC is committed to strengthening the communities it serves, and events like the Vincent House Breakfast exemplify the Cooperative's dedication to investing in the future of our community.

About Vincent House:

Vincent House's mission is to assist, promote, and celebrate individuals as they improve their social and vocational skills, offering a path of recovery and hope for those with mental illness. Through the Work Ordered Day, members work alongside staff during typical working hours, developing essential skills for successful recovery. The Clubhouses are restorative communities that emphasize the power of work and relationship building in the recovery process.

About Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC):

Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a not-for-profit electric cooperative serving over 270,000 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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