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Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. – A Helping Hand to United Way

January 21, 2025- Every year United Way comes to Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (WREC) offices in Citrus, Hernando and Pasco counties, to present how we can unite and contribute to making a meaningful difference in our communities. These presentations often feature testimonials from local organizations, highlighting the needs of the community and expressing gratitude to our employees for their generosity and support of United way.

It is with great pride we announce our total contribution of over \$110,000 generously made this year by WREC and its employees to support the impactful work of United Way. Our employees have once again demonstrated their commitment to making a positive difference in the communities we serve. Through their compassionate spirit and dedication to giving back, we were able to contribute to the United Way's mission of addressing critical community needs and creating lasting change.

United Way has a long standing history of working tirelessly to improve lives and build stronger communities. By harnessing the collective power of partnerships in the community, they focus on education, financial stability, and health; the building blocks of a thriving community. All United Way proceeds stay in the local communities.

“At WREC, we believe in the power of community and the positive change that can occur when we come together. Our employees embody this belief, and their kindness exemplifies our Cooperative principles that guide us,” said David Lambert, General Manager at WREC. David expresses his sincere gratitude to every employee who participated in this initiative and their commitment to making a difference in the lives of others.

About United Way

United Way brings people together to build strong, equitable communities where everyone can thrive. As one of the world's largest privately funded charities, they serve 95% of U.S. communities and 37 countries and territories, making life better for 48 million people every year. Through United Way, communities tackle tough challenges and work with private, public, and nonprofit partners to boost education, economic mobility, and health resources. United Way connects partners, donors, volunteers, and community leaders to tackle the root causes of the world's most complex challenges while making a positive impact in the lives of millions of people.

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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UNITED WAY OF PASCO COUNTY

WREC’s District Managers, John McCarty and Ricky Gude, Manager of Member Relations, Gary Steele, and Joe Marina presented a check for \$71,096.00 to United Way of Pasco County.



UNITED WAY OF HERNANDO COUNTY

WREC's General Manager, David Lambert, Manager of Member Relations, Gary Steele, and District Manager Ben Cooper, and David Gonzalez presented a check for \$22,984 to United Way of Hernando County.



UNITED WAY OF CITRUS COUNTY

WREC's General Manager, David Lambert and employees presented a check for \$16,496 to United Way of Citrus County.

