



GENERAL
MANAGER
**ERIC
HALFMANN**

The Season of Giving

WITH THE HOLIDAY SEASON upon us and cheer in the air, we're reminded that this truly is the season of giving. It's a time for gratitude, generosity and looking out for one another—and at Karnes Electric Cooperative, that's something we take to heart year-round.

You've probably heard us talk about our concern for community. It's not just a nice phrase—it's one of the core principles that makes electric cooperatives like ours different from other utilities. We're not just here to keep the lights on (though of course, we're always working hard to do that). We're here to make life better for the people we serve—our members, neighbors and friends.

Over the years, we've faced challenges together, and every time, our co-op family has stepped up. We've come together to support those in need, to keep our community strong and to build something better for the future. That spirit of generosity is especially evident during the holidays.

We're proud to support local students through the Government-in-Action Youth Tour, when we send some of our community's brightest young people to Washington, D.C., to see democracy in action and dream about their futures. That's giving in a meaningful way—by investing in tomorrow's leaders.

And because we care deeply about safety, we also spend time visiting schools throughout the communities we serve, teaching folks of all ages how to stay safe around electricity. We believe knowledge is a gift, too—and we love sharing it.

You'll also find our team out in the community beyond work—coaching youth sports, volunteering at local events, serving on nonprofit boards and partnering with other local organizations to keep our local economy strong. Because when you're part of a co-op, giving back isn't a requirement—it's just what you do.

While the holiday season is a festive time, we understand these can be tough times for many. If you need advice on saving energy to reduce your energy bill, want to explore payment plan options, or you simply have questions—please don't hesitate to reach out. We're here to help.

At Karnes EC, we believe Concern for Community is more than a value—it's the heart of who we are. And during this season of giving, we're especially grateful to be part of such a caring, generous community.

All of us at Karnes EC wish you and your loved ones a joyful, safe and bright holiday season. ■

