

Share the Joy of Christmas!

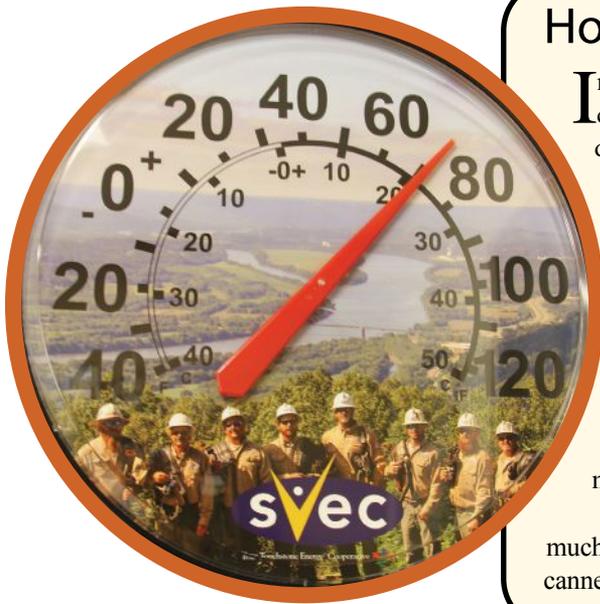
SVEC's annual Holiday Food Drive and Angel Tree programs adjusted due to rising COVID-19 cases — monetary donations only

Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative members and employees have a long history of coming together in tough times to help each other out. This “neighbors helping neighbors” attitude has always been a strength

of our closely knit communities. This “commitment to community” has never been stronger than during the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Knowing that even more families might be needing assistance this year,

SVEC will continue our annual **Angel Tree** and **Holiday Food Drive** programs **Nov. 1 through Dec. 31**; however we will again be making some adjustments to ensure the health and safety of our employees and members.



Holiday Food Drive

In 2020, through the sale of our “Safe at Home” cookbooks, cash donations totaling more than \$4,200 were accepted and distributed to the county-wide food banks in Marion, Grundy, Sequatchie and Bledsoe counties.

This year, we again ask that those who wish to contribute to do so by making monetary donations. Those giving at least \$7 to the SVEC Food Drive will receive, in appreciation of your donation, **while supplies last**, an SVEC thermometer, pictured at left. There will also be a limited number of last year’s SVEC “Safe at Home: Comfort Foods for Trying Times” cookbooks available for a minimum donation of \$5. All proceeds will go to the food bank in the county where the money is donated.

Monetary donations allow the local food banks to purchase much more food through the Chattanooga Food Bank than donors of canned goods could purchase for the same amount of money.

Angel Tree Program

The 2020 Angel Tree Program raised nearly \$4,000 to provide gifts for Head Start children from across our service area and just over \$700 for residents in nursing homes in Pikeville and Monteagle.

Again this year, for the safety of our members and staff, we ask that instead of purchasing gifts for an angel, you make cash donations. All funds will go to the local Head Start programs or local nursing homes to purchase and distribute the gifts for their “angels.”

We normally distribute gift bags to about 150 “angels.” Please consider donating what you would have spent on gifts to make sure all those in need have a special gift for Christmas. As a token of appreciation for your donation, paperclip angel ornaments will again be available while supplies last. **Please make your donations by Dec. 1** to ensure the gifts can be purchased and delivered before the school Christmas break.



SVEC's Lindsay Hutchins and SVEConnect's Michael Scott and Mike Birdwell are on hand as Head Start's Julie Tiller receives a check from SVEC's Shelby Potterfield for the generous donations made to the 2020 SVEC Angel Tree program.