**Wrapping up 2021**

The holidays are the traditional season of giving, and nowhere is this more apparent than here in (Co-op’s) service area. On a near daily basis, I witness individual and collective expressions of generosity and caring that make me proud to call this area my home.

I hope you recognize the same spirit of giving in your cooperative. Showing “concern for the community” is an operating principle we honor all year long while delivering safe, reliable, affordable electricity. We also express our dedication through special programs and initiatives meant to improve the quality of life for our members.

I’d like to wrap up 2021 by highlighting just a few of the ways we worked to better serve you.

[Local editors: Select from among the following bulleted points, choosing those that apply to your cooperative. Tailor the information as directed.]

* Our dedicated team of lineworkers maintained the co-op’s (number) miles of line, while unseen co-op employees worked behind the scenes, to ensure the reliable delivery of electricity to members’ homes and businesses.
* Aid from fellow electric cooperatives from Kentucky and other states helped us restore service after a February ice storm caused widespread damage to our system.
* A nimbleness allowed us to safely hold our annual member meeting, an essential component of a member-owned and –controlled cooperative. This year’s drive-thru meeting attracted (number) registrants.
* Eligible members shared ($) in capital credits, a welcome windfall to many.
* The high-tech tools that Kentucky’s Touchstone Energy Cooperatives had in place enabled us to work closely with site selectors, businesses and government leaders to help bring $7 billion in investments and over 15,000 jobs to Kentucky since 2015.
* Our power supplier unveiled a sustainability plan that includes strategies for increasing fuel diversity, decreasing carbon emissions and promoting environmental stewardship — all to ensure the resiliency of our electric distribution system.
* Programs such as Cooperative Solar and envirowatts gave members renewable energy options.
* Employees and members teamed to collect pantry items, cleaning supplies and toys for the Ronald McDonald House in (Louisville or Lexington).
* ($) in scholarships were awarded to deserving students in the co-op’s service area, allowing them to continue their education after high school graduation.
* We again sponsored Kentucky’s Special Olympics Summer Games, which attracted more than 1,000 special athletes and 500 volunteers, including employees from

(Co-op).

When you gather with family and friends this holiday season, remember to reflect on the wonderful gifts that don’t come packaged in pretty paper and bows. I hope you’ll count your membership in (Co-op) among them.

May your holiday be wrapped in an abundance of warmth and good cheer.