

JACKSON EMC FOUNDATION, INC.

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 21, 2007

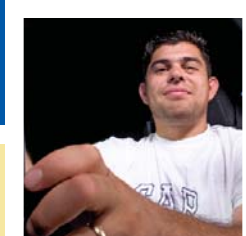
Annandale Village	\$ 15,000
Athens Community Council on Aging	10,000
Athens-Oconee Court Appointed Special Advocate Program	5,500
Barnabas Ministries	6,300
Barrow County Habitat for Humanity	15,000
Barrow County Special Olympics	7,000
Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta	7,500
Brenau University	10,000
Camp Glisson, Inc.	5,000
Casa de Amistad	6,900
Center Point Mentor Program	7,500
Cobb Health Care Center	5,000
Colbert Lions Club	10,000
Covenant Community After-School Program	15,000
Creative Enterprises	6,500
Dare to Share	15,000
Dream House for Medically Fragile Children	15,000
Eagle Ranch, Inc.	13,100
Elachee Nature Center	9,600
Enotah Court Appointed Special Advocate Program	6,000
Family Relations Program, Inc.	15,000
Food Bank of Northeast Georgia, Inc.	10,000
For Her Glory Fund	5,000
Gainesville College Foundation	15,000
Gainesville-Hall County Alliance for Literacy	5,000
Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy	5,000
Gwinnett Council for the Arts	5,000
Gwinnett County Association for Retarded Citizens-Hi-Hope Service Center	15,000
Gwinnett Senior Net Learning Center	15,000
Hall County Library System	5,000
Hall County YMCA	7,500
Hall-Dawson Court Appointed Special Advocate Program	3,000
Health Access Initiative	15,000
Hope Haven of Northeast Georgia	15,000
Jackson County 4-H Club	5,495
Jackson County Family Connection	15,000
Jackson County Habitat for Humanity	7,377
Jackson County Health Department	7,500
Jackson Creative Community Resource Center	15,000
Jefferson Lions Club	2,250
Jones Elementary School	12,266
Junior Achievement of Georgia-Gainesville District	7,500
L.A.M.P. Ministries	15,000
Lawrenceville Cooperative Ministry, Inc.	15,000
Life Change Counseling Center	10,000
Lilburn Cooperative Ministry	7,500
Lumpkin County Literacy Coalition	6,343
Madison County Habitat for Humanity	10,000
Madison County Health Department	5,000
Mended Hearts	15,000
Mercy Health Center	15,000
Music Time Learning Center	6,000
No One Alone (NOA's) Ark	15,000
North Gwinnett Cooperative	5,000
Our Neighbor, Inc.	15,000
Piedmont Court Appointed Special Advocate Program	7,654
Pregnancy Resource Center of Gwinnett	15,000
Rainbow Children's Home, Inc.	15,000
Rainbow Village, Inc.	15,000
Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic	10,000
Reins of Life, Inc.	1,990
Rising Families, Inc.	15,000
Rising Son Ministries, Inc.	6,000
Safe Kids Gainesville-Hall County	15,000
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	7,500
Sanford Men's Club	3,500
Spirit of Joy Food Bank	1,000
The Ark-United Ministry Outreach Center	12,000
The Guest House, Inc.	5,000
The Gwinnett Children's Shelter	15,000
The Hope House of Dahlonoga	15,000
The Salvation Army of Athens	15,000
The Salvation Army of Gainesville	15,000
The Salvation Army of Lawrenceville	15,000
The Tree House	15,000
Winder-Barrow YMCA, Inc.	15,000

\$ 773,275



THE POWER OF MANY
HELPING OTHERS

Foundation 2007 Annual Report



A MESSAGE FROM RANDALL PUGH,

President & CEO of Jackson EMC

Jackson EMC has a long history of community outreach. Our members have continued that tradition through their generous participation in Operation Round Up.

In 2005, like more than 200 other EMCs nationwide, we began offering our members the opportunity to participate in Operation Round Up, a program of charitable giving that rounds up electric bills, an average of fifty-cents per account each month. Through the program, participating members are working together to invest in their communities and help their neighbors.

This same cooperative spirit created Jackson EMC 70 years ago. In 1936, the folks in this area had a big goal. They wanted to bring electricity to their homes and farms, widely scattered through out an economically depressed rural region. It was something no family could accomplish alone, but by working together they brought about a powerful change that put them on the road to prosperity.

We formed the Jackson EMC Foundation to distribute Operation Round Up funds back into the community to worthwhile charities and individuals who need a helping hand. Thanks to our members' generosity, the Jackson EMC Foundation ranks high among Georgia corporations for giving. And, unlike some of the giant Georgia corporations that distribute funds nationally or globally, **100 percent of our members' donations stay in local communities.**

The pocket change that goes into the Foundation through Operation Round Up pays big dividends every month. What was true in 1936 is still true today - cooperative efforts bring about powerful change.



The Jackson EMC Foundation receives its funding through Operation Round Up®

A MESSAGE FROM GWEN HILL,

Jackson EMC Foundation Board Chairman

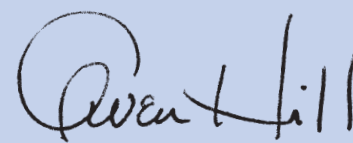
When I was asked to serve on the board of the Jackson EMC Foundation, I thought that it was such a wonderful idea - providing a way for a lot of people to contribute a small amount and together make a really big difference. After nearly two years on the board, I am an even stronger supporter of Operation Round Up, because I have seen first-hand the amazing things that Jackson EMC members have done with their spare change.

The Foundation's Board of Directors work hard to ensure that members' donations are used responsibly to benefit people locally. Each of us is deeply involved in and knowledgeable about the county we represent, has a history of community service and experience with non-profit organizations, and is willing to carefully review applications for Foundation grants, making thoughtful, well-researched decisions.

I wish that every member who contributes to the Jackson EMC Foundation could hear the personal stories of the people they have helped - people who, without members' support, would have fallen through the cracks in our social services and medical care systems. Some of them have written thank you letters that bring tears to my eyes.

I would really like for every Operation Round Up participant to be with me and our other Foundation board members as they go to the charitable organizations that have received grants to present them with their checks. They could hear how appreciative those organizations are for the help they have received, hear the stories of those who will be helped by the organization's program and even meet some of the people the organization has assisted.

But since those of you who support Operation Round Up can't be with us to hear those stories, we've brought some to you. Through these few examples of the **73 organizations and 42 individuals helped by the Jackson EMC Foundation,** I hope you can see your contributions at work. I am so very proud of the work we are doing through the Foundation, and I hope you are proud of your part in making that work possible.



AN OLYMPIC FLAME REKINDLED



"I met lots of people and made friends. I was very tired at the end of the day. I wished I could do it again the next day," says athlete Michael Sikes, who earned a gold medal in the Barrow County Special Olympics softball throw and made a good effort in the 100-meter race.

The Olympic spirit of friendship and understanding shines once again in Barrow County, thanks to the **\$7,000 Jackson EMC member-funded Foundation grant** that rekindled the Special Olympics Program. Using grant funds to rebuild their program, the

Barrow Special Olympics committee purchased the equipment and uniforms needed to bring together 125 special needs athletes from around the county. Each athlete was paired with their own volunteer "buddy" from Winder Barrow High School clubs and teams.

Sherri Sikes feels that participating in Special Olympics gave her son Michael role models who built up his self-esteem and confidence. Patricia Woodall, whose son Wesley ran in the 50-meter race and won a silver medal for the Frisbee throw, agreed.

"Wesley really had a grand time. The neatest thing was they had typical kids from the high school who worked with our kids," she exclaimed. The special needs athletes weren't the only ones who benefitted, though.

"It gives me a different look on life when I see these kids, what they've been through," said Ben Wallace, a 16-year old kicker for the WBHS football team who volunteered as a buddy. "It was great to see the kids smile and have fun. It helps them feel like they're involved in something other than just being in school."

"That camaraderie was pretty special," said WBHS special education teacher and Special Olympics co-coordinator Joel Bacon. It's a close call as to who got more out of Special Olympics, the special needs kids or the buddies. It's a day of caring. It's a growing experience."

RESTORING DIGNITY TO CANCER PATIENTS



"In my heart I know that hair does not make a person. But hair is part of normalcy, and amid all the turmoil of my medical treatment there is a strong part of me that wants that normalcy back," writes Karen, a For Her Glory wig recipient.

Fighting cancer is hard work. The loss of normality that follows chemotherapy can be devastating to women who suddenly see themselves without their crowning glory - their hair.

"Losing your hair is shocking," said Jackie Cooley, co-founder of For Her Glory, a foundation that helps preserve cancer survivors' dignity by

donating top-quality wigs for patients whose insurance doesn't cover such items. "These ladies are in the biggest battle of their lives. Most of them feel that losing their hair was harder than the diagnosis of cancer."

"Today the drugs are better and women are continuing to function in their lives during treatment," said Lynda Collier, The Shoppe at Longstreet Cancer Clinic in Gainesville, who customizes wigs for For Her Glory recipients. "They need to maintain their appearance and feel like they look normal. You can't do that without hair."

Through a \$5,000 Foundation grant, Jackson EMC members have helped restore normalcy to the lives of 19 Hall County cancer patients.

Collier, a cancer survivor herself, sees a transformation with each For Her Glory wig. "They sit here and cry when I take their hair off, and by the time they leave they're laughing and smiling. It brings them full-circle from 'I'm pitiful' to 'I'm strong enough to get through this.'"

SUPPORTING GRANDPARENT CAREGIVERS



Practice makes some things easier; but for grandparents who become their grandchildren's primary caregivers, raising kids is more challenging the second time around.

"Most of these grandparents are at least middle age, and face challenges from aging, health complications, and fixed incomes, as well as being isolated from peers who are just grandparents," said Deborah Phillips, project coordinator for the Athens Community Council on Aging's Northeast Georgia Project Healthy Grandparents program. "They are often caught in the middle between love for the parent and love for

the grandchild, and their grandchildren often have behavioral and emotional issues because of past experiences. Grandparents who don't have legal custody of the grandchildren they are raising face even more problems."

Northeast Georgia Project Healthy Grandparents provides these families with legal services, in-home health checks, crisis intervention, and social connections and activities for both grandparents and grandchildren. But the agency faced a crisis when a lack of funding nearly halted the home services provided during the summer, when the Master of Social Work student volunteers who had supported the program graduated and moved on.

Jackson EMC members stepped in with a \$10,000 Foundation grant, which paid salaries and gasoline expenses for two part-time summer employees, ensuring a continuation of care and aid for the 25 families who depend on Northeast Georgia Project Healthy Grandparents.

Athens residents Ricky and Geraldine Brown Williams, who are raising four grandchildren and one great-grandchild, say that kids these days really are different.

"Now there's ADHD [Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder]. I wasn't used to that," Geraldine explained. "But Healthy Grandparents provides a mentor to help with our grandson and his medications. It really helps a lot that the kids get to have outings and get to go places other kids go."

She thinks she and Ricky are doing a good job raising their grandchildren, but they miss the relaxing retirement they had expected to enjoy. "It's all right, though. The grandkids think we're too old to go anywhere or do anything anyway," they laughed.

STAMPING OUT ILLITERACY



"I don't want my kids to struggle like I did. Juanita is teaching me so I can teach my daughter. I don't care what I look like, I want my kids to do better," Andrea Howard declares.

Andrea Howard of Dahlonega, 38, is learning to read. "Without this program, I would be lost and my daughter would suffer," she said.

She meets twice weekly with her tutor and chief cheerleader, Juanita Tipton, at Lumpkin County's The Learning Place. **A \$6,343 Foundation grant supported by Jackson EMC member donations** helped purchase the computers, software, and course

materials that Andrea uses to practice and improve her reading skills.

Andrea's candor on the subject may be unusual, but her situation is not. Recent census data indicates that nearly 4,000 Lumpkin residents read poorly or not at all.

"So many of these people want to stay hidden," said Diane Stephenson, Executive Director of The Learning Place. "They don't want people to know they can't read. It's a silent epidemic."

For those like Andrea who find courage to seek help, The Learning Place offers a personally tailored learning program with a one-on-one tutor and one of the few phonics software programs geared for adult learners.

"Andrea told me she wanted to be more self confident," said Juanita, a retired teacher. "Literacy gives people self-worth, self confidence, and the capability to go out and pursue career options."

"I like to hope that everyone in our community has the opportunity to succeed and accomplish life goals," said Diane. "It can't be done without literacy."

OVERCOMING HARD TIMES



"We didn't realize it was going to be this big. It's difficult for some of them to take the food, but times got hard," says Rising Families Food bank coordinator Margaret Jackson.

Times got hard for the 250 families who wait in line at Cave Springs Baptist Church to load a box of food into their cars.

Barbara Dubose and her husband adopted five of the children they had foster parented. She came to Rising Families for help when her husband's workplace "packed up and moved to China." "Right now, the food is the most expensive thing. You'd be surprised how much this helps,

especially with the kids out of school during the summer," she explains.

Chad Rising, Cave Springs' pastor and the creator of the Rising Families Food for Life program, said it has two goals. The first is to help the 55 percent of Food for Life recipients – the elderly and disabled – who need continuous help. The other is to provide interim relief to help families facing hardships get back on their feet.

"We try to serve 250 families 40 to 50 pounds of food each month," Chad said. "Raw foods work best here. We have some homeless in the community, but the majority of the people we serve are the working poor. Most families say it supplements them for about a week."

Jackson EMC members provided a \$15,000 grant to Rising Families to purchase simple food distribution equipment, along with a nine-month supply of food for Food for Life families.

"So few other programs out there try to move people to independence," Chad said. "But every quarter, we move six to eight percent of our families to independence."

BRINGING SICK KIDS HOME



"You can't leave these kids in hospitals. What kind of a life is that for them? They need families, they need homes. Teach me what I need to do so that my son doesn't have to spend five more days in the hospital," says Kim Menchofer, who with husband Joe, has fostered over 90 children.

Just returned from Boy Scout camp, 12 year old Randarious Menchofer offers a high-five, eager to get back to his video games. Born very premature and without a skull, he is an active, social kid today because his adoptive parents, Kim and Joe, were able to learn the special

skills necessary to care for medically fragile children.

That is the mission of Dream House for Medically Fragile Children's Family for Keeps program. Dream House teaches parents and foster parents the skills they need to care for their chronically ill children at home – where they can get the love and nurturing they need to thrive, as well as the medical care they need to survive.

That training is expensive, but **Jackson EMC members' Operation Round Up donations funded a \$15,000 grant** to provide Family for Keeps training so that more sick children can live with a real family in a real home.

Through Family for Keeps, the Menchofers have learned to deal with feeding tubes, catheters, IVs, deep suctioning of the lungs, injections, seizures, CPR – and they are still learning new skills to meet the special medical requirements of the children who share their home.

"These are little things that make a big difference in the life of the child," Joe said. "But this is not something you can learn from a book. Dream House is our resource center. Without their training, we wouldn't be able to provide a home for these kids."

FEEDING THE HOMEBOUND



"I look for 'em every day. I don't ever take my medicine 'til after they come, 'cause I have to eat to take my medicine," says 94-year old Alberta Wymbs, waiting near the door of her Colbert home for a Madison County Senior Center van to arrive with a hot meal.

Across Madison County, dozens of seniors, frail in health or homebound, anticipate the arrival of a Senior Center staffer or volunteer bearing a 'hello' and a hot, nutritionally balanced meal.

Last Spring, with rising gas prices, the Home Delivered Meals program faced a crisis.

"We serve the entire County, and the need just grows," said Madison County Senior Center Director Eloise McCurley. "We had twenty people on a waiting list - some for as long as eight months - and rising prices cutting into our budget."

To accommodate higher fuel costs, Eloise restructured the delivery schedule from five days to three days each week, with two frozen meals included in the Wednesday delivery. She managed to continue providing nutrition to seniors already enrolled in the Home Delivered Meals program, but she had no hope of helping those on the waiting list until Jackson EMC members stepped up with Operation Round Up donations.

A \$15,000 grant from the members of Jackson EMC brought 17 wait-listed homebound seniors into the program. Home Delivered Meals now serves nearly 50 frail Madison County seniors with nutritionally balanced delivered meals, social contact, and nutrition education.

"It helps me a lot because I am not able to cook. They give you what you need, what you should eat," says Geneva Hooper, 81, of Hull. "I enjoy the visit, too. I just love people."

GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE



"Cardiac arrest is so prevalent now, even among the younger population. Most of the time, when AEDs are used in schools, it is for undiagnosed problems," said Deana Hart, a registered nurse with Banks Jackson Commerce Medical Center.

Many of the cardiac abnormalities that cause sudden cardiac death in children and adolescents are difficult to detect by imaging and exhibit no symptoms. The only way to regulate the heartbeat's fibrillation or restart the heart is with a shock from a defibrillator.

Minutes count, so having a portable Automated External Defibrillators (AED) available is important to survival. Placed on the patient's chest, the AED pads analyze heart activity to determine if a shock is necessary to restart the heart or regularize a life-threatening arrhythmia.

Jackson EMC members gave the gift of life with a \$15,000 grant to Mended Hearts Chapter 171, an organization devoted to supporting people with heart disease. With the funds, Mended Hearts purchased 10 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) that will be installed in Banks County schools. User friendly and safe, the units give step-by-step voice instruction for defibrillator use and for CPR.

Each school will have an AED in the main office and in the gym. Additional units will be installed at the high school football field, in the old gym at the middle school, and at the school board office.

"On any given day, there are 5,000 people in the Banks County school system. If you save one life, it's worth all the money," said George Evans, president of Mended Hearts Chapter 171 and a member of the Jackson EMC Foundation board.

HELPING THOSE IN NEED



The generosity of Jackson EMC members also provides assistance to individuals who face an unexpected or overwhelming need that they simply cannot fulfill on their own. Foundation grants are frequently a last source of help for those who have exhausted every other avenue.

Since its founding in October 2005, the Foundation has funded 56 grants to individuals, ranging from \$350 to \$3,500.

In most cases, the grants enabled the recipients to gain or retain their independence and quality of life.

Grants have paid for repair or replacement of heating and air conditioning systems for senior citizens, individuals with disabilities, and struggling single parents. Grant funds have been used for repairs or modifications that allowed recipients to continue living in their homes. Foundation funds have helped single parents secure transportation to keep a job and purchased adaptive computer equipment for a visually impaired student.

One of the most common individual grants was awarded to help pay for vehicle modifications, in the form of wheelchair lifts, ramps, and hand controls for driving, so that disabled Jackson EMC service area residents can continue as active contributors to their communities.

An automobile accident cost Athens resident Santiago Solano the use of his legs. Through a Jackson EMC member-funded ORU grant, his truck was equipped with hand controls and a previously-owned wheelchair lift.

"I'm more independent now. I can go anywhere. I can take my kids to the park and to the doctor," said Solano.

"Having hand controls or a wheelchair lift changes your whole life," said Richard Walley, of Custom Mobility, who equipped Solano's truck. An Army veteran who has been wheelchair bound since an accident in 1997, Walley has experienced the hardships many disabled Jackson EMC members face. "These grants release them from being homebound and get them back into the world and doing something."

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF MAY 31, 2007 AND
2006 AND REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS*

McNair, McLemore, Middlebrooks & Company, LLP

*detailed financial report available at
<http://www.jacksonemc.com/Operation-Round-Up-financialreport.html>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEARS ENDED MAY 31

	2007	2006
Support		
Contributions	\$1,013,266	\$656,437
Interest	8,160	1,638
	1,021,426	658,075
Program Service Expenses		
Community Assistance	773,275	476,214
Family and Individual Assistance	90,025	33,635
General and Administrative	-	12
	863,300	509,861
Increase in Net Assets	158,126	148,214
Net Assets, Beginning	148,214	-
Net Assets, Ending	\$ 306,340	\$ 148,214