

## **HOUSE LIGHTING CONTEST FOR GCEC/GCU MEMBERS-**

GCEC/GCU is sponsoring the second annual house lighting contest for our members. To enter, send your name, address and a picture of your lighted house to [djunior@gce.coop](mailto:djunior@gce.coop) before December 15, 2017. For more information, check out the announcement on our Facebook page or call Diane Junion at (928) 485-2451. Prizes will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners of \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively.

## **Christmas Toy Drive-**

Graham County Electric and Graham County Utilities are pleased to announce the third annual Christmas toy drive and utility assistance program. Last year's toy drive and utility assistance provided much-needed help to seven cooperative members' families with Christmas toys and utility assistance credits. The seven families also received roasted turkeys to supplement their Christmas dinners. We would like to expand the program to help more members in need this holiday season. We have established the Graham County Electric Foundation, which is a 501(c)(3), nonprofit organization. This nonprofit was established to administer multiple community-based programs, one of them being our annual toy drive and utility assistance program. All monetary donations should be made to the Graham County Electric Foundation Inc. All donations qualify as tax-deductible contributions. You may donate toys and/or money at our Pima office to assist less fortunate members with toys for children and to help with utility bills during this holiday season.

We need your help identifying members in need of assistance. Please contact Diane Junion or Kim Larkey at (928) 485-2451 for details on how and when to donate, or if you wish to nominate members who are in need of assistance. Last year, we had two Santas delivering toys, turkeys and utility vouchers to those families, selected by our committee. Additionally, we had Santa in the Pima office handing out toys and candy to children. This was an activity announced and promoted through our Facebook page, which was well received by our membership. Stay connected with your cooperative through Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more information concerning our community-based programs. This program is designed to align with the seventh cooperative principle, which states, "While focusing on member needs, cooperatives work for the sustainable development of communities through policies and programs accepted by the members." There is much need in the communities we serve. We greatly appreciate the participation and generosity of our member/owners. The board of directors and employees of Graham County Electric and Graham County Utilities sincerely wish you and yours a blessed holiday season.