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JMEC Helps the Food Depot Meet the Needs of the Food Insecure



Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc., was pleased to be a part of the 11th Annual Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund Drive reception in October. Hosted in a Food Depot warehouse in Santa Fe, the event recognized the many donors who came together to break the fundraising record with contributions of \$293,996 – all to benefit the hungry in Northern New Mexico.

The Food Depot, Northern New Mexico's food bank, collects food from local, state and

national sources and distributing these donations through more than 145 partner agencies. The monies raised in this campaign will help feed more than one million meals to needy families in nine Northern New Mexico counties from Santa Fe to the Colorado border, which covers the five counties served by JMEC.

Co-Bank, a national cooperative bank serving rural communities, partnered with JMEC in a match to donate a total of \$10,000 to the fund drive. There were several categories of donors and in the business category of organizations with more than 50 employees, JMEC was awarded first place for its contribution.





Employee Spotlight: James Fredericks

James Fredericks, JMEC’s journeyman mechanic, has worked all over the world – South America, Africa, Europe, Asia – but there is no place else he would want to live than right here in Española.

From southern Colorado, Fredricks’ family owned a ranch in northern New Mexico and he has lived in the area for 35 years. He left home for the Air Force at 18, which took him to Germany and Italy. He got his experience as a mechanic over 15 years working internationally in the oil fields. He finished his career in that sector as a senior drilling supervisor for hazard mitigation. He’s also had his own small business, worked as a logger, a heavy equipment operator and more. He likes to stay busy and he likes to be outside.

Not surprisingly, “James has proven to be an exceptional worker,” said Eli Gallegos, purchasing. Now Fredricks spends 95 percent of his work time in Española, though he will travel to Jemez Springs, even Cuba, to help out as needed. “My goal is to make sure we have the equipment and property in good working order to keep the electricity on for all our people out there,” Fredricks said.

He likes the independence of the work, coming in early, getting the paperwork done and then having the vehicles ready to get the guys out and on to their assignments for the day. When not working, Fredricks enjoys camping, hunting and fishing. Married for 41 years to his wife, Sheila, she served as a counselor for the school of the deaf and as a special ed teacher in Española Middle School for 25 years. They have three daughters. All are college graduates into careers in nursing, education and one as an engineer for BNSF.

Possibly the most fun he has is with their three grandkids. “It’s really fantastic,” he said, “You can spoil them rotten and then send them home.”

JMEC Member Students – 2nd, 3rd, 4th Graders – Join in the 2023 Coloring Contest!

Why is this image in black and white? Because it is for the 2023 Safety Coloring Contest open to our local 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students and sponsored by JMEC and the New Mexico Marketing & Member Services Association. It will become colorful when our participating students, using crayons, markers or colored pencils, complete the poster!

Tony Martinez, JMEC’s marketing and communications coordinator, will be distributing the posters to the schools or classrooms and sharing about the poster’s message of electrical safety. Eligibility, general rules and coloring instructions are all part of the entry forms which will be collected along with the completed posters.

A team of JMEC employees will gather to select their poster of choice per grade, per school. Then, each of those selected will be organized per grade among all the participating schools and the top three choices from all those will be selected. We are excited to recognize each of those students whose poster is selected and will announce soon the prizes that will be awarded!

Finally, the JMEC team has the challenging task of selecting one poster that will go to the statewide office – the New Mexico Rural Electric Cooperative Association – in March and be judged among the top posters sent from all participating electric cooperatives. Prizes will be awarded to statewide entries that are selected for first, second and third place. *So, JMEC member students, let your inner artist out and join in the Coloring Contest!*

