

## Employees help local kids 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace'

**B**uilding power poles—that's routine for Coastal Electric Cooperative. But recently co-op employees put their construction skills to work to build beds for local kids in need.

During a training day on Feb. 19, Coastal Electric teamed up with Sleep in Heavenly Peace of Hinesville to build 10 beds for children in Liberty County. Employees of all backgrounds—accountants, IT professionals, customer service reps, linemen, engineers and even the CEO—worked side by side with sawdust flying and hammers banging.

Coastal Electric employees cut lumber, prepped boards for drilling and sanded. The team assembled, branded and stained each headboard and footboard.

The project will help Sleep in Heavenly Peace achieve their mission to make sure "No kid sleeps on the



**Coastal Electric Cooperative employees assemble one complete bed to showcase the finished product, which will go to a local child in need.**



floor in our town."

According to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, many children across the U.S. and in our own communities go without beds—or even a pillow—to sleep on. This can harm their happiness and health. That's where Sleep in Heavenly Peace comes in as a group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering beds to children and families in need. Each donated bed comes with a mattress, sheets and pillows for a good night's sleep.

Coastal Electric's involvement with Sleep in Heavenly Peace is thanks to IT Manager Terry Cook, who also serves as co-chair of the Hinesville chapter of



Sleep in Heavenly Peace.

For an electric cooperative like Coastal Electric, the mission is about much more than just delivering electricity. It's about meeting community needs and making life better!

# Local students to embark on leadership experience of a lifetime



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*Richmond Hill High School*



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*McIntosh County Academy*

Congratulations to the local high school juniors selected to represent Coastal Electric Cooperative on the 2024 Washington Youth Tour this June! Along with more than 40 others, these winning students applied for the Washington Youth Tour in January, and then underwent an interview process.

The winners are:

- **Addison Brooks**, *Richmond Hill High School*
- **Bianca Duncan**, *First Preparatory Christian Academy*
- **Michael Jones**, *Bradwell Institute*
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Students will join others from across the nation on an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. They will meet with lawmakers, tour historic sites and learn lessons in leadership that will benefit them throughout their lives. Coastal Electric delegates will also each receive a \$2,500

scholarship from the Coastal Electric Cooperative Foundation to help further their education.

Three alternates will each receive a \$500 scholarship from the Coastal Electric Cooperative Foundation:

- **Logan Brown**, *First Preparatory Christian Academy*
- **Cedric Shouse**, *Richmond Hill High School*
- **Dallas Spencer**, *Liberty County High School*

Programs like the Washington Youth Tour are made possible by Coastal Electric members who allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the next dollar each month through Operation Round Up. Those nickels and dimes are pooled together and invested back into the community through the Coastal Electric Cooperative Foundation.



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# Two-prong outlets don't have a grounding wire

**M**ost new appliances and electronics come with three-prong plugs. If your older house is equipped only with two-prong receptacles, you're probably using adapters with three-prong holes and two-prong plugs.

That will let you fit your plug into the outlet, but it's not necessarily safe. A better solution is to replace your two-prong receptacles with three-prong models.

When you buy the replacement receptacles, choose models that include a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI). This will serve as a sort of "imitation" ground and can greatly eliminate the chance of an electric shock.

It's a good idea to use GFCI receptacles wherever you replace two-prong outlets in your house, but it's especially important in the kitchen,



bathroom, laundry room and garage, where you use water and electricity in the same room.

## Special issue next month

**B**e on the lookout for next month's issue of *Georgia Magazine!* It will feature a special cover wrap with information about giveaways for members who register for the Annual Meeting of Members and voting to elect co-op directors.

