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One dollar a month could help your neighbor keep the lights on.





What is Members Helping Members?

Members Helping Members is a program where customers in Southern Maryland can help their neighbors who are struggling to pay their electric bills throughout the year.

Customer-members who would like to contribute simply sign up to add \$1 to their electric bill each month. SMECO will match customer donations up to \$25,000 in 2011.

Each month, the accumulated donations will be sent to the Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, which will administer the funds to those customer-members who seek aid and meet the qualifications.

How do I participate?

If you would like to donate just \$12 a year to help your neighbors keep their lights on, you can sign up to be a member who helps members in several convenient ways.

- Call: 1-888-440-3311
- Online: www.smeco.coop/mhm
- In person at one of the customer service counters at a SMECO location
- Fill out the form on the back of this brochure and mail it back with your SMECO payment

If you would like to make a larger donation, you may send a check to Members Helping Members at P.O. Box 1937, Hughesville, MD 20637. If you would like to cancel your participation, please call 1-888-440-3311.

Who benefits from the donation?

Only SMECO customer-members who meet the eligibility requirements will receive assistance to pay their electric utility bill.

What do I do if I need help paying my bill?

The Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee oversees the distribution of donations to eligible recipients. Contact them for information on eligibility requirements and an application for assistance.

Other programs are available to help eligible customers avoid having their electric service turned off if they are having trouble paying their electric bills. These are the Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) and the Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP). To find out if you are eligible, call your local Office of Home Energy Programs.

Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee

*Serving Calvert, Charles, and
St. Mary's Counties*

410-535-1010 301-274-4474
301-870-3770 301-475-5574

Prince George's County Department of Social Services

301-909-6300



JOIN **MEMBER**
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*I want to donate \$1 a month
to help my neighbors!*

Name: _____

Account number: _____

Phone number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signature: _____

Complete this form and return it to enroll in Members Helping Members. You may enclose this form with your SMECO payment. You may also mail your form to SMECO, Members Helping Members, P.O. Box 1937, Hughesville, MD, 20637.



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