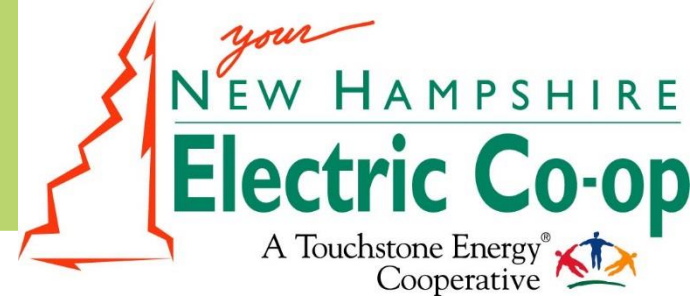




# Community Connections

Sara Thielbar – NH Electric Co-op

# NH Electric Co-op

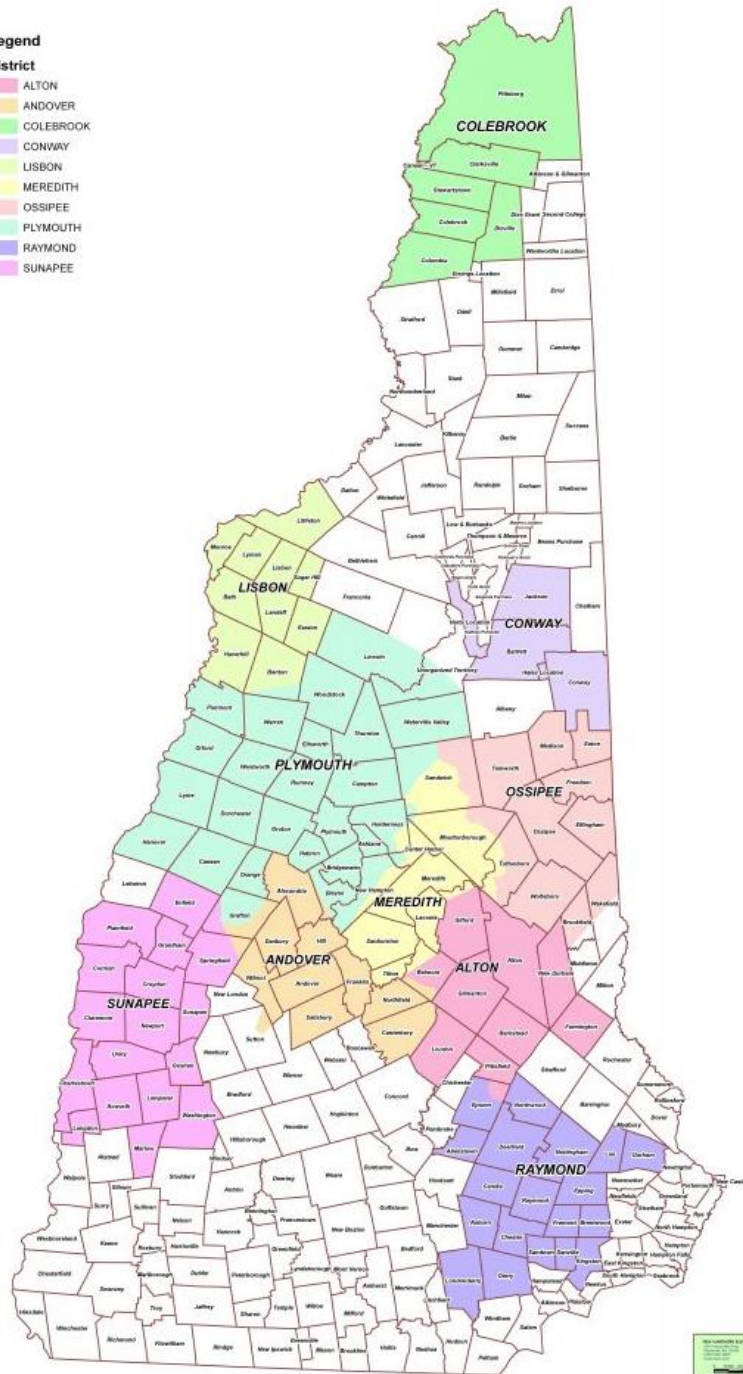


- Serve 84,000 members
- 10 District Offices
- Serve 115 towns in 9 of 10 counties
- Headquartered in Plymouth, NH
- 210 Employees
- 5,500 Miles of Energized Line

**Legend**

**District**

- ALTON
- ANDOVER
- COLEBROOK
- CONWAY
- LISBON
- MEREDITH
- OSSIPEE
- PLYMOUTH
- RAYMOND
- SUNAPEE



# The NHEC Foundation



- Formed in 2006 as a 501(c)3 organization
- Governed by a separate volunteer Board of Trustees
  - 6 NHEC BOD Members
  - 3 Community Members
  - 1 employee Member
  - NHEC's CEO
- Funded by NHEC members that Round Up their monthly electric bills.
  - Collect approximately \$250,000 annually.
- In 2017, an average of 44,644 members participated in Round Up.
- To-date the Foundation has granted \$3.23 Million!



How do we connect  
with our communities?



# Annual Mobile Food Pantry

- 7 Consecutive Years
- Funded by the Foundation
- Made possible by NHEC
- More than just food!
- Collaborative Effort
  - NH Food Bank
  - Local Food Pantry
  - NHEC Staff
  - Retired Staff, Family and Friends!
  - Newspapers







*N.H. Electric Co-op employees and their families volunteering at the Colebrook Mobile Food Pantry held on Feb. 24. From the left, Guy Ford, Chelsea Smith, Bill Vecchio, Chuck Braxton, Jeff Young, Laurie Wells, Joan Aubrey, Brad Montague, Sharon Yeaton, Sara Thielbar, Lillie Knapp, Lisa Ford, Ernie Covey, Gail Paine, Scott Knapp. Courtesy photo.*





# NHEC Safety Fair

- Yearly event held in the summer over two days.
- Local vendors are invited to host a booth.
  - Yoga Studio
  - Women's Violence Shelter
  - Speare Hospital
  - Local Credit Union
  - Police/Fire
- Connections are formed with local organizations
- **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT!!**









# YOUR CO-OP, YOUR COMMUNITY



Co-op members and employees raised more than \$10,000 this summer for a variety of great causes. In September, a group of NHEC employees helped support David's House in Lebanon, NH as part of the Lindsey Frank Memorial Ride. A bake sale this past August at an employee event also raised more than \$1,000, which was matched by the NHEC Foundation, for the Plymouth-based First Star Tonight charity. In Sandown, Co-op employees volunteered their time to set new light poles for the New Hampshire Junior Wildcats Pop Warner Football program. Co-op employees also raised over \$2,000 to help fellow electric co-op employees in Louisiana who lost their homes in recent flooding. Concern for Community is one of the seven cooperative principles and it's one we take to heart.







# Day of Caring

- NHEC allows 20 employees to participate.
- Projects take place statewide which lends itself nicely to our diverse service territory.
- NHEC makes a presence by supporting local organizations that we already serve as members. This day puts a face to NHEC through our employee volunteers. This helps to set us apart from just being an electric utility.

# Local businesses give back during United Way's Day of Caring

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**REGION** — Granite United Way kicked off its annual Day of Caring events recently, inviting local businesses to partner with them by lending assistance to local nonprofit agencies who serve communities throughout the state.

On Sept. 16, it was the Central New Hampshire region's turn to roll up its sleeves, and in the Plymouth area, that meant a lot of great people helped cross a lot of chores off the wish list of places like the Whole Village Center,



DONNA RHODES

On Sept. 16, several local employers allowed their staff time off to participate in the Granite United Way's Day of Caring, when they volunteered to assist local nonprofit organizations with tasks that needed to be done. Featured on the left is a group who pitched in to clean up the Plymouth Whole Village Center's community garden for the fall. The photo on the right shows another hardy group of workers who removed truckloads of invasive plants that were threatening to kill trees at the Squam Lakes Science Center in Holderness.

Pemi-Baker Youth Center, and Squam Lakes Science Center, which put in a request for volunteer assistance this year.



# 2018 – Volunteer Policy Implemented

- As a result of Day of Caring it was evident a formal policy was needed.
- FTE receive 8 hours / Year
- PTE receive 4 hours / Year
- One of NHEC's Core Values is to be **Member-Focused:**
  - Our sole purpose is to serve our members. We consistently focus on how we can best meet their needs.





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