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Powering Communities: Central Florida Electric Cooperative Educational Charity Gives Back

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Chiefland, FL - (January 18th, 2024, 11 A.M.) The Central Florida Electric Cooperative Educational Charity recently announced generous donations to multiple local groups as a part of their mission to invest in local programs and initiatives that better the lives of those the cooperative serves. The Educational Charity, founded in 1997, is funded by unclaimed cooperative capital credits and proceeds from the CFEC Educational Round-Up Program, where members have the option to round up their bill to the nearest dollar and donate the proceeds. Since its inception, the CFEC Educational Charity has awarded over \$640,000 in scholarships and grants to local students and adults pursuing higher education.

Now, the Educational Charity Board is excited to announce a generous contribution of \$100,000 to The Arc of Levy County (LARC), an incredible organization that supports citizens across the Tri-County area with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Founded in 1975, LARC offers a range of programs, including adult/intensive day training, community-based employment, and supported living. As the organization soon moves into its new location in Chiefland, the Charity Board hopes this donation will serve as a helping hand in their mission to promote and protect the rights and quality of life of their members.

The Charity Board also recently announced exciting investments in our local schools, with sizable donations to the Education Foundations in Gilchrist, Dixie, and Levy counties. This year, the Charity Board announced \$25,000 in total would be donated to the Foundations. These funds are in addition to the many scholarships the Charity already awards to students across the Tri-county area each year. The CFEC Educational Charity is thrilled to partner with our local Education Foundations to make these donations, which will go towards more scholarships to deserving students and classroom grants to help both students and staff succeed. CFEC believes that investing in education is one of the most important things we can do to improve our communities, and we are proud to play a small part in that.

The CFEC Educational Charity is optimistic that each of these contributions will be valuable to these organizations as they carry out their missions and will have a meaningful impact on the communities we all call home.

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