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**ENERGYUNITED DONATES \$5,000 TO JUST HOPE, INC.**

**STATESVILLE, N.C.** - On Wednesday, August 8, 2018 the EnergyUnited Foundation presented a \$5,000 check to Just Hope, Inc. to help fund education and assistance to families in the Davie County area. Nearly 70,000 EnergyUnited members choose to ‘round up’ their electric bills each month as part of the Operation Round-Up Program. This money is granted to needy individuals, families, and non-profit organizations like Just Hope, Inc. that complete an application expressing needs in their community and beyond.

Just Hope, Inc. originally founded in January 2010 as a North Carolina non-profit business by Krystal Dumas, first started as a mobile food pantry; serving those who lacked reliable transportation in order to get to valuable resources and services. The population predominantly served then consisted of those who didn’t qualify for traditional assistance, such as food stamps or Work First. Since then, Just Hope, Inc. has expanded to provide even more benefits such as: education, housing assistance, outreach and an internal thrift store with items graciously donated by residents of Davie County.

“Just Hope, Inc. serves in the same ‘neighbors helping neighbors’ spirit as the EnergyUnited Foundation, said Debra Citta, EnergyUnited Foundation Administrator. “We are so pleased to be able to assist them in their service to help individuals and families in Davie County.”

In the past two years, Just Hope, Inc. has grown by leaps and bounds in order to meet the ever-growing needs of our community; including assisting those that are homeless. “The homeless population in Davie County has been overlooked for a long time.” said Krystal Dumas, Executive Director of Just Hope, Inc. “Families are going through hard times and falling through government program cracks. These families are living in multi-family households with unsafe sleeping situations, living in motels, sleeping in their cars, and even residing in tents where ever they can find a vacant space of land.”

Just Hope, Inc. is grateful for the donation granted by EnergyUnited. After receiving the check, Krystal Dumas, Founder of Just Hope, Inc., said, “When you are faced with the challenge of not knowing where you’re going to sleep at night and you are hungry, it’s overwhelming. Thank you EnergyUnited for your support that will help the community get back on their feet.”

**About EnergyUnited** EnergyUnited Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) is the largest electric cooperative in North Carolina serving nearly 130,000 metering points. Headquartered in Statesville, EnergyUnited provides electric service in portions of nineteen counties in west central North Carolina which include Alexander, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Stokes, Wilkes and Yadkin. EnergyUnited Propane provides products and services to more than 25,000 residential, commercial and industrial customers in 74 counties across North and South Carolina. Visit EnergyUnited online at [www.energyunited.com](http://www.energyunited.com) to learn more about our electric and propane businesses.



*Pictured from left to right: **Gianna Clark**, Vice President of Customer Care, EnergyUnited, **Krystal Dumas**, Executive Director, Just Hope, Inc., **Debra Citta**, EnergyUnited Foundation Administrator and **John McMurray**, Chief Operating Officer, EnergyUnited.*