

Volunteers Enriching Lives

The generous spirit and selfless dedication of Camp Boggy Creek's many volunteers make it possible to provide life-changing programs free of charge to Florida's most seriously ill children. Whether our volunteers are providing care to campers and family members or crafting bears and blankets, each gives the gift of unconditional love that empowers and improves the lives of these courageous children.

Annually, Camp Boggy Creek also hosts several corporate work parties that provide valuable resources for maintenance and facility projects. Recently, the Camp was fortunate to have been selected to benefit from a service project held in conjunction with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's (NRECA) annual meeting held in Orlando last month. Over 100 volunteers from Sumter Electric Cooperative (SECO), Touchstone Energy Cooperatives and the NRECA arrived at Camp on Saturday, March 5 and in just 8 hours installed a new 32-panel solar system for the pool and weatherized 16 camper cabins and 2 staff cabins. Not only did the group provide the time and skill, but also donated all the supplies, including the solar panels!



The project began last year when a team of SECO employees visited the Camp for an energy efficiency audit. SECO President, Jim Duncan, made several recommendations "that could help the Camp be more energy efficient." After being approved by the NRECA to select Camp Boggy Creek as the beneficiary for the conference's annual service project, the SECO team began approaching vendors to donate all the supplies. Volunteers from throughout the United States attended and over 100 arrived ready for work on March 5.



The benefits of this project were immediate when the Camp welcomed over 20 families two weeks later for the Kids on Ventilator Assisted Care (KOVAC) family retreat. "The pool is absolutely delightful," shared Merrie Schwartz (pictured left with daughter Julianna), a retired nurse who has adopted several children with special healthcare needs.

We are humbled and appreciative for the endless generosity and dedication. If you would like more information about upcoming volunteer opportunities, please [click here](#).

Thanks to all our volunteers near and far for bringing the mission of Camp Boggy Creek to life!