

# CNMIEC

## Newsletter

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### Progress Starts Here

**August 2019**

Farmers, teachers, contractors and first responders: No matter what field you're in, I suspect you appreciate the importance of a good plan. You also know it doesn't come out of thin air. You plan for the future based on what you've learned from the past. That may not sound revolutionary, but it's the surest way to ensure real and lasting progress in any endeavor.

I'm proud to say that these are the same principles I see at Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative as we plan for the future. To us, ideas like "renewable energy" and a "smarter community grid" aren't just nice dreams. They're a vision of progress that we can make a reality. But only if we take a sensible approach to moving forward, and one that carefully considers the particular needs of our community.

An electric cooperative like ours has to be community-focused as we work to efficiently deliver affordable, reliable, and safe energy. And since we were built by the communities we serve, we have a responsibility to make sure we don't lose sight of our reason for being, even as we develop our 24/7 energy sources and a more balanced energy mix.

Fortunately, that's an attitude shared by electric cooperatives across the country. It's why so many of us are working together to develop new technologies and infrastructure, learn from each other, and keep the grid secure. Like veteran farmers and gardeners comparing notes after a successful growing season, I believe that when we work with other cooperatives we can be smarter and more efficient about the ways we move forward.

Make no mistake, we will move forward, because I believe progress starts here, at Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative. And since we are led by consumer-members like you, who understand and listen to the community, I also believe that the seeds of progress we're planting today will grow to become something that benefits everyone tomorrow.



Matthew Collins  
CEO



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THE  
#WHOPOWERSYOU  
CONTEST

Celebrate an unsung  
hero from your  
co-op community



## Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative Celebrates Local Heroes in the Fourth Annual #WhoPowersYou Contest

Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, in partnership with Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, is pleased to announce the fourth annual #WhoPowersYou Contest, celebrating local heroes. It's a chance for CNMEC members and employees to nominate someone making a difference in our community and an opportunity to celebrate the power of human connections. In addition to being nationally recognized, nominees can win up to \$5,000 for the cause they champion.

To nominate a local hero in our community, members and employees can go to [whopowersyou.com](http://whopowersyou.com) and submit their nominee's name, photo and a brief description of how they make a difference in our community. Nominations open on August 5 and must be submitted by midnight on September 6. Only members of Touchstone Energy Cooperatives, including those in Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative, are eligible to nominate.

Winners will be announced in October. An independent panel of judges will select winners based upon the positive impact they make on the community, creativity of the entry and the number of votes they receive.

Prize money totaling \$9,000 will be awarded to the following winners:

- Grand Prize Winner: \$5,000
- Second Place: \$2,000
- Third Place: \$1,500
- Honorable Mention: \$500

Touchstone Energy Cooperatives launched the #WhoPowersYou Contest in 2016 to celebrate people making a powerful impact in their community.

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## Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month

Routinely replace or clean your air conditioner's filter. Replacing a dirty, clogged filter can reduce your air conditioner's energy consumption by 5 to 15 percent.

Source: [energy.gov](http://energy.gov)

