

**OCONEE NUCLEAR STATION
COMMUNITY RELATIONS REPORT**



A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT.

For more than 35 years, Oconee Nuclear Station has been a proud member of the Upstate South Carolina area. Today, the station operates more efficiently and

DUKE'S EXTRAORDINARY COMMITMENT TO THE OUTDOOR FAMILY ADVENTURE FESTIVAL HAS PROVIDED THE UPSTATE COMMUNITY WITH AN OUTDOOR EVENT THAT IS UNPARALLELED.

World of Energy staff spent countless hours in the planning and then execution of the event going above and beyond expectations. Over the past two years this has meant that nearly 3,000 children, youth, and adults have visited the World of Energy during the festival not only to tour the Visitor Center but to learn about the many outdoor activities available to them through the wise utilization and conservation of natural resources.

*Angela Viney, Director
Sustainable Communities
Program Upstate Forever*

safely than ever. With more than a billion dollars of investment since 1995, Oconee is ready to operate under its extended license until 2034.

Oconee Nuclear Station remains a large contributor to the local tax base and

provides employees with good wages.

In 2008, Duke Energy contributed nearly \$30 million to the local tax base and is Oconee County's second highest employer with an annual payroll of over \$100 million. In today's economic downturn, keeping money locally is important.

Oconee's investments in Oconee and Pickens County are significant, but the community spirit of our employees is even more remarkable. Our employees' passion to serve the community with their time, talents and dollars is what makes Oconee special.

The Oconee team provides countless volunteer hours and serves as elected officials, members of civic and government boards, on volunteer fire and rescue squads, with non-profit agencies, and as tutors and sports coaches.

We are grateful for the support of our local community and we hope you are proud to call us a neighbor.

Please enjoy our 2008-2009 Oconee Nuclear Station Community Relations Report. Inside, you will see a snapshot of our employees' commitment as they serve as exceptional members of the community.

Should you have any questions about the station or this report, our staff at the World of Energy will be happy to assist you. Please contact them at 864-873-4600.

Sincerely,
*Dave Baxter, Site Vice President
Oconee Nuclear Station*



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. OCONEE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE.

From employee contributions to local United Way campaigns to employee initiated community improvement grants – Oconee employees are making a difference.

2008 UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS

This gift includes employee donations, fund raiser proceeds and a corporate gift from the Duke Energy Foundation. Employees organized a golf tournament raising \$15,000. The total combined gift for the Anderson, Pickens and Oconee United Way was slightly more than \$400,000.

MAKING CHRISTMAS BRIGHT FOR CHILDREN ACROSS THE COMMUNITY

More than 150 children enjoyed a special Christmas thanks to the generous hearts of the Oconee team. Gifts were collected for the Salvation Army and United Way “Share” programs last December.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS/GRANTS

Duke Energy offers employees paid time away from work to volunteer and give back to local communities. Employees select community improvement projects, apply for funding, solicit help from their fellow employees, and provide the volunteer labor to complete the project.

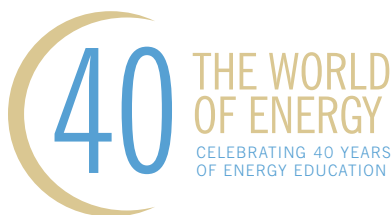
In 2008, Oconee Nuclear Station employees completed **60 community volunteer projects, totaling \$57,000** in employee volunteer grant funds.

To the right is a listing of organizations receiving funds for employee sponsored volunteer projects.



- American Red Cross – Oconee County
- Anderson County Alternative School
- Anderson Oconee Pickens Science Fair (SCAS)
- Baptist Medical Center Easley Foundation
- Blue Ridge Arts Council
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 215
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 210
- Central Elementary School
- City of Walhalla
- Code Elementary School
- Dacusville Middle School
- Edwards Middle School
- Fair Play Fire Department, Inc.
- Foothills Area YMCA
- Friends of Lake Keowee Society
- Greenville Area Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Greenville Youth Hockey Association Inc.
- Hamilton Career Center
- McKissick Elementary School
- Oconee Christian Academy
- Oconee County Habitat for Humanity
- Oconee County Humane Society
- Oconee County School District
- Oconee Heritage Center, Inc.
- Palmetto Baptist Medical Center Easley Foundation
- Palmetto Partners for Science and Technology
- Pendleton Historic Foundation
- Pendleton Pride in Motion
- Pendleton Recreation Association
- Prevent Child Abuse Pickens County
- Ravenel Elementary School
- Rosa Clark Clinic
- Seneca High School
- Seneca Woman’s Club
- Southern Wesleyan University
- Tamassee Salem Middle School
- Team Walhalla Youth Athletics Inc.
- Helping Hands of Clemson
- Tri-County Technical College Foundation Inc.
- United Way of Oconee County, Inc.
- Volunteers in Medical Missions
- Walhalla Middle School

THE WORLD OF ENERGY: CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF ENERGY EDUCATION.



On July 1, 1969, the Visitor Center at Oconee Nuclear Station opened to provide nuclear energy education to the community. Initially named the Keowee-Toxaway Visitor Center for the two rivers in the region, the center welcomed 250,000 visitors in the first full year of operation. The center's name changed to the World of Energy in 1985. This year, the World of Energy celebrates its 40th consecutive year of operation, making it the second-oldest continuously operating nuclear power plant visitor center in the country. Since opening the doors in 1969, more than 3 million visitors from all 50 states have toured the World of Energy.

Almost 30,000 people came to the World of Energy for energy related education in

2008. Employees reached an additional **5,000 people** through visits to schools and club meetings. During the month of February, Duke Energy employees flood local schools to teach students about our business and energy related career opportunities. This blitz occurs during National Engineer's Week. These programs are tailored to the grade and age of the students. In 2008, Oconee employees spoke to over **1,300 students** during Engineer's Week.

The foundation of our education system is our local schools' teaching staff and instructors. More than 50 science and math teachers from across Oconee and Pickens County visited the World of Energy for an energy related workshop. Over the past two years, these teachers have taken tours of Oconee Nuclear Station and Bad Creek Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Station as part of this program. Our programs help them enhance their science curriculums.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR THE WORLD OF ENERGY

**Saturday, July 11
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

We would like for you to help us celebrate our 40th birthday with a community celebration on July 11, 2009, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children and adults alike will enjoy a fun-filled day with inflatable play areas, magic shows, face painting, food, music and much more. All events are free. In conjunction with the birthday party, the World of Energy, in partnership with the Blue Ridge Arts Council, is hosting a month long photography show featuring work from local artists as they capture the history and culture of the Golden Corner. The show opens July 9, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and runs until August 11. Come join in the fun!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

CELEBRATE THE 4TH AT THE WORLD OF ENERGY

Saturday, July 4

Bring a picnic and enjoy the beauty of Lake Keowee. The World of Energy will be open Noon to 5:00 p.m.

BLUE RIDGE ARTS COUNCIL PHOTOGRAPHY ART SHOW OPENING

Thursday, July 9 – 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join us as we begin our month long birthday party with first class photos showcasing the history and culture of the area.

WORLD OF ENERGY'S 40TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, July 11 – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Come help us celebrate the World of Energy's 40th anniversary. One of the nation's longest operating nuclear plant visitor centers, the World of Energy marks its 40th anniversary in July.

3RD ANNUAL OUTDOOR FAMILY ADVENTURE

Saturday, October 3 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Experts will teach children and adults how to safely fire air rifles, bow and arrows, paddle canoes and kayaks, climb trees using tree stands, dress in camouflage for hide and seek and more fun activities related to the outdoors. Bring a picnic or purchase food from on-site concessionaires.

THE QUILTS ARE COMING BACK

December 2009

The popular Threadheads will be back with quilts made with an energy theme in mind. This group of local quilters showcases their handmade works of art during the month of December.

All events are free.

For more information about the World of Energy or Oconee Nuclear Station, please call 1-800-777-1004. The center is open M-F, 9-5; Sat. Noon – 5. Closed Sundays.

PARTNERSHIPS: EVEN MORE WAYS TO SHOW WE CARE.



DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS, DUKE ENERGY HAS BECOME ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT PARTNERS IN RECOGNIZING AND PROMOTING THE ARTISTS AND CULTURE OF THE AREA.

Their contribution of free use of the World of Energy venue for major exhibits; their enthusiastic staff collaboration; and funding have greatly increased the level and quality of service we are able to provide to the community.

All of which is hoped to promote tourism and a return to a healthy economic region.

*Bess Ciupak, Executive Director,
The Blue Ridge Arts Council*



ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

2008 marked the second annual Family Outdoor Adventure Festival, a celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day, at the World of Energy. Over **1,400 members of the community** came to learn hunting and fishing safety, fish and wildlife conservation and meet representatives of more than 30 local conservation organizations.

This event has quickly become one of the largest outdoor recreation and conservation events in Upstate South Carolina. The event is sponsored by Duke Energy, Upstate Forever, Clemson University 4-H Shooting Sports, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Trout Unlimited, Clemson University Extension Service, Sunrift Adventures, Harry Hampton Wildlife Memorial Fund and the Weathby Foundation. The 2009 event is scheduled for Saturday, October 3 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ARTS PARTNERSHIP

The World of Energy at Oconee Nuclear Station is a showplace for local artists to display their talents to the world. Since 2007, Duke Energy, in partnership with the Blue Ridge Arts Council, has hosted six art shows. These shows have displayed the talents of the youngest students to the most seasoned and experienced artists.

SUPER TUESDAY

For more than 15 years, Oconee Nuclear Station has invited senior neighbors around the station to special programs with topics geared to their interests. Oconee's Super Tuesday events are held in the visitor center auditorium. These programs are conducted six times per year and have become a tradition at the World of Energy.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA MERIT BADGE COLLEGE

Boy Scouts from the Oconee, Pickens and Six and Twenty Districts have benefited from the training and expertise of Oconee employees for years. In 2008, nearly 150 Scouts earned five different merit badges thanks to instruction from Oconee Nuclear Station employees.

THE EMPLOYEES AT DUKE ENERGY PROVIDE UNITED WAY OF PICKENS COUNTY WITH SO MUCH MORE THAN FUNDING.

Some of our hardest working volunteers are a result of Duke Energy's commitment to the community where they do business. From leadership at the board level to retirees building wheelchair ramps so homebound seniors can leave their homes, Duke Energy and its employees are one of United Way of Pickens County's most valued partners.

*Julie Capaldi,
President United Way
of Pickens County*



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