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President and COO  
AEP Texas

Dear Friends,

For more than 90 years, we have been keeping the lights on in a Texas-sized service area that encompasses almost 100,000 square miles. This commitment to service has been a defining characteristic of our company and its employees. Since we live and work in these communities, we have a vested interest in their future. That's why providing electric service is only part of what we do.

AEP Texas contributes nearly \$1 million annually to various non-profit agencies and organizations. In addition, approximately 2,000 AEP employees are involved in a variety of civic organizations and volunteer projects.

Our AEP Texas Community Connections Report gives an overview of what we are doing within our communities and lists the various organizations throughout Texas that received at least \$1,000 in contributions in 2008.

It's important to note that we place a special emphasis on youth and education because we believe that it is an investment in our future. As part of one of the largest electric utilities in the United States, we also believe it's our responsibility to support efforts to conserve and sustain our environment. This was clearly reflected in a major grant we were able to obtain in 2008 from the American Electric Power Foundation for the University of Texas Marine Science Institute in Port Aransas.

Powerful connections not only come from electric wires. They also come from people working in partnership to build a brighter tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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**Organizations supported by  
AEP Texas in 2008.**

Abilene Arts Alliance  
Abilene Chamber of Commerce Foundation  
Abilene Education Foundation  
Abilene Industrial Foundation  
Abilene Zoological Society  
American Cancer Society  
American Diabetes Association  
American Heart Association  
American Red Cross  
Angelo State University  
Aransas County ISD Education Foundation  
Art Center for the Islands  
Art Museum of South Texas  
Associa Cares, Inc.  
Bayfest, Inc.  
Beautify Corpus Christi Association  
Bee County Junior Livestock & Homemakers Show  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Texas  
Boy Scouts of America  
Boys & Girls Clubs  
Cameron County Park System  
Caring for Children Foundation of Texas, Inc.  
Catholic Charities  
Children's Miracle Network  
Christus Spohn Health System Foundation  
Citizens for Educational Excellence  
Coastal Bend Community Foundation  
Columbus Community Hospital  
Communities in Schools  
Concho Christmas Celebration  
Connecting Caring Communities  
Corpus Christi Black Chamber of Commerce  
Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce  
Corpus Christi Education Foundation  
Corpus Christi Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Corpus Christi PATCH, Inc.  
Crystal City Festival Association  
Del Mar College Foundation  
Del Rio Chamber of Commerce  
Driscoll Children's Hospital  
Development Foundation  
Eddie Lucio Scholarship Fund

Fellowship of Christian Athletes of the  
Coastal Bend  
Flour Bluff ISD Foundation  
Food Bank of Corpus Christi  
Food Bank of the Rio Grande Valley  
Freer Chamber of Commerce  
Frontier Texas  
George West Storyfest Association, Inc.  
Greater Kingsville Economic Development Council  
Gulf Coast Bird Observatory  
HALO-FLIGHT FOA  
Harbor Lights Festival  
Haskell Chamber of Commerce  
Hendrick Medical Center Foundation  
Jim Hogg County Vaquero Festival Association  
Junior Achievement  
Junior League of Abilene  
Keep Victoria Beautiful  
Kleberg-Kenedy County Jr. Livestock Show  
Association  
Knapp Medical Center Foundation  
Laredo Chamber of Commerce  
Los Fresnos Area Chamber of Commerce  
Los Fresnos Rodeo Committee, Inc.  
Make-A-Wish Foundation  
March of Dimes  
Matagorda County Fair Association  
McAllen Chamber of Commerce  
McAllen Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Meals for the Elderly  
Mexican Folklore School of Dance  
Mission 911  
Mission Historical Museum  
Museum of South Texas History  
National Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People  
National Hispanic Institute  
Natural Resources Foundation of Texas  
Nueces County Jr. Livestock Show  
Nueces County Senior Association  
Operation Game Thief  
Padre Island Business Association  
Palmer Drug Abuse Program  
Pharr-San Juan-Alamo ISD  
Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce

Ports-to-Plains  
Quanah Independent School District  
Raymondville Chamber of Commerce  
RGV Birding Festival  
Rio Grande Valley Fellowship of Christian Athletes  
Rio Grande Valley Firefighters' & Fire Marshals'  
Association  
Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show, Inc.  
Rio Grande Valley Partnership  
Rockport Art Center  
Ronald McDonald House Charities  
Rural South Texas Economic Development  
Corporation  
Saltwater-Fisheries Enhancement Association  
San Angelo Chamber of Commerce  
San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Association  
San Benito Consolidated ISD  
San Patricio County A&H Show  
Shackelford County Library Fund  
South Texas Academic Rising Scholars  
South Texas Adult Resource and Training Center  
South Texas Agricultural Round Up  
South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center  
South Texas Charity Quail Hunt, Inc.  
South Texas Community College Education  
Foundation  
South Texas Food Bank  
South Texas Press Association  
South Texas Substance Abuse Recovery  
Services, Inc.  
South Texas Symphony Association  
South Texas Trail Riders  
Southern Brooks Volunteer Fire Department  
Southwest Texas Junior College  
Taylor County Livestock Association  
Texas A & M International University  
Texas A&M University Corpus Christi  
Texas A&M University Kingsville  
Texas AgriLife Extension  
Texas Association of Community Action  
Agencies, Inc.  
Texas Business & Education Coalition  
Texas Citrus Fiesta  
Texas Economic Development Corporation  
Texas Economic Development Council

Texas Jazz Festival Society  
Texas Maritime Museum  
Texas Public Policy Foundation  
Texas State Technical College  
Texas Taxpayers & Research Association  
Research Foundation  
TexasOne - Texas Economic Development  
Corporation  
The Coastal Bend Wildlife Education Program  
The Nature Conservancy  
The Salvation Army  
The Washington's Birthday Celebration  
Association of Laredo  
Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce  
Throckmorton Beautification Committee  
United Independent School District  
United Way  
University of Texas - Pan American Foundation  
Uvalde Area Chamber of Commerce  
Uvalde Festival and Events Association, Inc.  
Valley Interfaith  
Valley Land Fund  
Valley Proud Environmental Council  
Valley Symphony Orchestra & Chorale  
Vernon Independent School District  
Victoria Adult Literacy Council  
Victoria Ballet Theatre  
Victoria Chamber of Commerce  
Victoria College Foundation  
Victoria Economic Development Corporation  
Victoria Symphony Society  
Webb County Head Start Program  
Weslaco Chamber of Commerce  
West Texas Boys Ranch  
West Texas Press Association  
West Texas Rehabilitation Center  
Westside Business Association  
Willacy County Fair and Auction  
Windcrest Alzheimer's Care Center  
Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend  
Wylie Community Association  
YMCA

**American Electric Power Foundation provided funding to the following organizations in Texas in 2008. See the 2008 AEP Foundation annual report for more information.**

Catholic Diocese of Corpus Christi/John Paul II High School (Corpus Christi)  
Christus Spohn Health System Foundation (Corpus Christi)  
City of Vernon Aquatic Center (Vernon)  
Clarendon College (Clarendon)  
Friends of the Seadrift Library (Seadrift)  
San Angelo Area Foundation (San Angelo)  
University of Texas Foundation (Austin)

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