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President and COO  
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Electric Power  
Company

Dear Friends,

Last year was a remarkable year with unprecedented challenges. Despite hurricanes tearing through our service area and the ever-changing global economy, we at SWEPCO remain committed to bringing safe, reliable and affordable electric power to our 473,500 customers.

We also understand that our success goes hand-in-hand with that of the communities we serve. We live and work here too, and we are committed to building and strengthening partnerships to make the places we serve even better.

In 2008, SWEPCO shareholders contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants and sponsorships to a variety of organizations and institutions in Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. The recipients provide a wide range of services in areas such as education, the environment, health and safety, hunger, housing and other human services, economic development and the arts.

One of these organizations is Opportunities, Inc. in Texarkana. For more than 40 years, Opportunities, Inc. has served people with special needs, from young children to the elderly. Advocating for a community that recognizes the value and abilities of all, they provide developmental and support services to assist individuals in attaining a full life in the community. Whether it's providing special instruction for children, physical therapy, family support, work training, or independent living skills, their role in meeting such needs in our community is vital.

SWEPCO proudly supports Opportunities, Inc. and other initiatives that make our communities better places to live and work for all of us.

Sincerely,

Paul Chodak III  
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SWEPCO

**Arkansas organizations supported  
by SWEPCO in 2008.**

20th Century Club  
American Cancer Society  
American Heart Association  
Arkansas Air Museum  
Arkansas Black Hall of Fame  
Arkansas Children's Hospital  
Arkansas Department of Rural Services  
Arkansas Economic Developers  
Arkansas Economic Development Foundation  
Arkansas Game & Fish Foundation  
Arkansas Independent Colleges & Universities  
Arkansas Music Pavilion, Inc.  
Arkansas Repertory Theatre  
Arkansas Sheriffs' Youth Ranches  
Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce  
Arkansas State Police Foundation  
Arkansas State University  
Ashdown Rotary Spirit of Christmas Food Drive  
Association of Arkansas Counties  
Beau Foundation  
Boy Scouts of America - Caddo/Texarkana  
Center Point Volunteer Fire Department  
Christus St. Michael Health System Foundation  
City of Bentonville  
City of Foreman Welcome Sign Project  
City of Mena  
City of Siloam Springs Public Library  
City of Waldron  
Collin Raye Benefit Concert Corp.  
Cossatot Community College U of A  
Council of North Central Two Year Colleges  
Cross Road Volunteer Fire Department  
DeQueen/Sevier County Chamber of Commerce  
Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc.  
Ducks Unlimited  
Elberta Theatre Community Project

Epsilon Sigma Alpha International  
Kappa Sigma Chapter  
Family Service Agency, Inc.  
Farmington Chamber of Commerce  
Farmington High School  
Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce  
Fayetteville Economic Development  
Fayetteville Public Education Foundation  
Friends of the Baxter Library  
Greenwood Chamber of Commerce  
Greenwood Lions Club  
Greenwood School District  
Habitat for Humanity of Fayetteville  
Hempstead County Economic Development Corp.  
Hispanic Caucus of Arkansas  
Hope-Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce  
Howard County Children's Center, Inc.  
Howard Memorial Hospital  
Illinois River Watershed Partnership  
Interfaith Hospitality Network  
Junior Achievement of Texarkana  
Literacy Council of Bowie & Miller Counties  
Little River Chamber of Commerce  
March of Dimes  
Mattie E. Coleman Book Club  
Mineral Springs-Saratoga School District  
Technology Fund  
Muscular Dystrophy Association  
NAACP Greater Texarkana Branch  
Nashville Chamber of Commerce  
Nevada County Industrial Development Charitable  
Foundation  
North Arkansas Symphony  
Northwest Arkansas Fox Trotting Horse Breed  
Association  
Opportunities, Inc.  
Ozark Classic Cup  
Partnership for the Pathway Capital Campaign  
Poultry Federation

Razorback Foundation, Inc.  
Red River Valley Association  
Rodeo of the Ozarks  
Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce  
Ronald McDonald House Charities  
Root Elementary School  
Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce  
Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Benton County  
Springdale Chamber of Commerce  
Texarkana Arkansas Education Foundation  
Texarkana Chamber of Commerce  
Texarkana Symphony Orchestra  
The Arkansas Economic Development  
Acceleration Foundation  
The Friendship Center  
The Governor's Mansion Association  
The Muses  
The Nature Conservancy of Arkansas  
The Salvation Army  
Town of McNab Twin Rivers Festival  
Tracy Lawrence Fund, Inc.  
Tyson Bass Association  
United Way Displaced Cargill Workers  
United Way of Greater Texarkana  
United Way of Hempstead County  
United Way of Northwest Arkansas  
University of Arkansas Community College of Hope  
University of Arkansas Cooperative  
Extension Service  
University of Arkansas DE King Equine Program  
University of Arkansas Foundation  
Wadley Regional Medical Center  
Washington County 4-H Foundation  
Washington County Historical Society  
Washington Regional Foundation  
West Fork High School

**The American Electric Power Foundation  
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in Arkansas in 2008. See the AEP 2008  
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University of Arkansas (Fayetteville)

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