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## **El Paso Electric Recognizes Community Service Efforts**

They tutor children. They coach Little League and soccer. They make a senior citizen's home more habitable. They organize fund-raising events and blood drives. They put up holiday lights at a home for children with cancer.

These are some of the ways El Paso Electric employees have been helping their communities over the past year. El Paso Electric and its board of directors will recognize the commitment and dedication of its employees to making their communities better places in which to live and work at a special breakfast on **Thursday, September 24 at 8 a.m. at the Downtown DoubleTree Hotel, 600 N. Stanton St.**

At the breakfast, a special recognition and a gift presentation will be made by El Paso Electric to the University of Texas at El Paso in support of several University initiatives to enhance research, productivity, graduate program support and faculty recruitment and retention.

The El Paso Electric Volunteers In Action (VIA) Awards recognize employees who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in community service. This year, El Paso Electric employees have contributed more than **12,283 volunteer hours** to their communities. Special recognition at this year's awards presentation will go to those who have been essential to the success of EPE-sponsored civic activities such as blood drives, charitable campaigns and public safety presentations. In addition, the prestigious El Paso Electric MegaWatt Award will be presented to employees who have taken a leadership role in planning and coordinating community service efforts and events.

"For more than 100 years, El Paso Electric has made a commitment to supporting civic and charitable organizations in the communities it serves. A key part of that support is encouraging employees to get involved," said David Stevens, El Paso Electric President and Chief Executive Officer. "It's important to acknowledge the efforts of these employees who are generously giving back to their communities."