# ENERGY MATTERS



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## Cleco raises \$55,000 for Special Olympics Louisiana

Through Cleco's Charitable Golf Tournament, employees raised \$50,000 for Special Olympics Louisiana (SOLA), an organization providing year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with disabilities.

The tournament benefits a different non-profit each year. The 2023 benefactor, SOLA, was grateful for the support.

"Cleco's generous donation will help support the ongoing growth and development of SOLA programs across Louisiana and improve the experience for our athletes who train and compete with us," said John Guzzardo, SOLA chief executive officer. "We're grateful for our partners at Cleco for recognizing a need and ensuring that we're able to continue to provide sports, academic and health programs at zero cost to athletes and their loved ones."



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### Cleco partners with Eunice Community Health Center for 'Done in a Day'

Cleco team members put their hearts and hands to good use by assisting with clean-up and organization efforts at the Eunice Community Health Center, which was vandalized in October. The Eunice Community Health Clinic provides free medical care and prescriptions to the community.

## Cleco Electric Vehicle (EV) Ride & Drive Expo in Mandeville

This EV event serves our vision to adopt cleaner, allelectric technologies and serve as a platform to grow the communities we serve. This was an opportunity for elected officials and business leaders to learn about the benefits of EVs, ask questions and get behind the wheel, perhaps for the first time.

"EV drivers will emit 50 percent less vehicle lifetime emissions compared to an internal combustion vehicle, all while spending 30 to 60 percent less on fuel," said Richard Biedenharn, Cleco Power electric vehicle program manager, on the event's importance. "EV drivers also spend less on maintenance and repairs over the EV's lifetime because the vehicles have fewer moving parts."

Learn about our residential EV charging rebate at www.cleco.com/electrification/residential-evs.

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