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### **City of Philippi receives national award for community service**

**Orlando, Florida, June 22, 2021** — The City of Philippi, West Virginia, received an American Public Power Association Sue Kelly Community Service Award during APPA's National Conference in Orlando, Florida. The award recognizes "good neighbor" activities that demonstrate the commitment of the utility and its employees to the community.

The Philippi Municipal Electric Department (PMED) takes to heart its role as a public service and has worked with its community on different projects of varying sizes to benefit multiple organizations and support the community's overall economic growth. One of the larger projects involved lighting buildings in Philippi's historic downtown. The Philippi Conventions and Visitors Bureau approached local businesses in downtown Philippi about lining their historic buildings with lights. Once approved, PMED strung more than 2,100 feet of twinkling lights throughout downtown.

Additionally, when a local food pantry received a large semi-truck load of food, PMED was there to help. PMED employees transported its forklift to the pantry and spent hours unloading the semi-truck for the pantry. PMED takes great pride in working with the community and helping with projects that benefit everyone.

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