



WCTEL family donates \$12,000 to area Angel Tree projects

Every Christmas, WCTEL challenges its employees, retirees and board members to open up their hearts and wallets to make area children's Christmas special.

They answered that challenge, raising a record \$12,000 for Angel Tree participants: Abbeville Main Street United Methodist Church, McCormick Lions Club and Anderson 3 School District's Angel Tree Holiday Assistance program.

"We are so incredibly blessed at WCTEL," says Jeff Wilson, WCTEL CEO. "We have each other, the support of a generous Board of Directors, roofs over our heads, steady incomes, access to food and necessities and all the daily comforts. ... We also have the capacity and power to make a child's Christmas magical."

WCTEL has supported the Abbeville Angel Tree Project for more than 20 years. The broadband cooperative traditionally matches donations from employees, retirees and board members. This year's total donations surpassed \$12,000, eclipsing last year's total of \$10,000.

This translates to more than 700 gifts purchased for area children who may otherwise go without Christmas gifts.

"The generosity of our family never ceases to amaze me," Wilson says. They all share a common desire to give back to the communities that have given them so much."

Abbeville Angel Tree Check Presentation Photo (Left) from L to R: WCTEL Board Member, Darren Lewis; WCTEL CEO, Jeff Wilson; Angel Tree Project Coordinator, Lori Glace; WCTEL Board Secretary, Jane Stone.

Anderson School District 3 Angel Tree Check Presentation Photo (Right) from L to R: WCTEL CEO, Jeff Wilson; WCTEL Board Member, Aimee Gray; WCTEL Community Affairs/Economic Development Strategist, Stephen Taylor; Anderson District 3 Superintendent, Dr. Kathy Hipp; WCTEL Vice President, Mike Thomas.

