

RUN UNITED SUPPORTS VITAL LOCAL SERVICES

South Carolina Living

AIKEN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

Honey of a hobby

Ensuring the life of the
hive—and the hive of
life—continues thriving

ENERGY TIP

Small actions, big rewards

SC RECIPE

Grillin' and chillin'

HUMOR ME

Catering to the bride



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The mission of Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. is to empower communities by providing reliable, competitively priced energy and other services desired by our membership.

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JOSH RINDER

Participants in the RUN UNITED half marathon traveled through many picturesque scenes of Aiken, including the historic horse district.

RUN UNITED a success!



AT AIKEN ELECTRIC

COOPERATIVE, our core job is keeping the lights on. But our heart lies in serving people. As a member-owned, not-for-profit cooperative, we were built by and are led by the people we serve—that's you.

We are proud once again that our annual RUN UNITED race event was another success! With your energy, generosity and commitment, we raised \$49,000 to help fund vital local programs and services for United Way of Aiken County.

On the last Saturday of April in beautiful downtown Aiken, more than 1,000 runners and walkers (our largest to date) laced up for the 5K, 10K, half-marathon, and kids' fun run. While the weather came with a few scattered showers, it did not dampen anyone's spirit.

Thank you to every participant, volunteer, and sponsor who helped make this event such a success.

If you missed this year's event, don't worry—registration is already open for next year at runsignup.com/RunUnited.

GARY L. STOOKSBURY
Chief Executive Officer



BERNARD BUTLER

Runners celebrate their accomplishment by capturing the moment after the race.

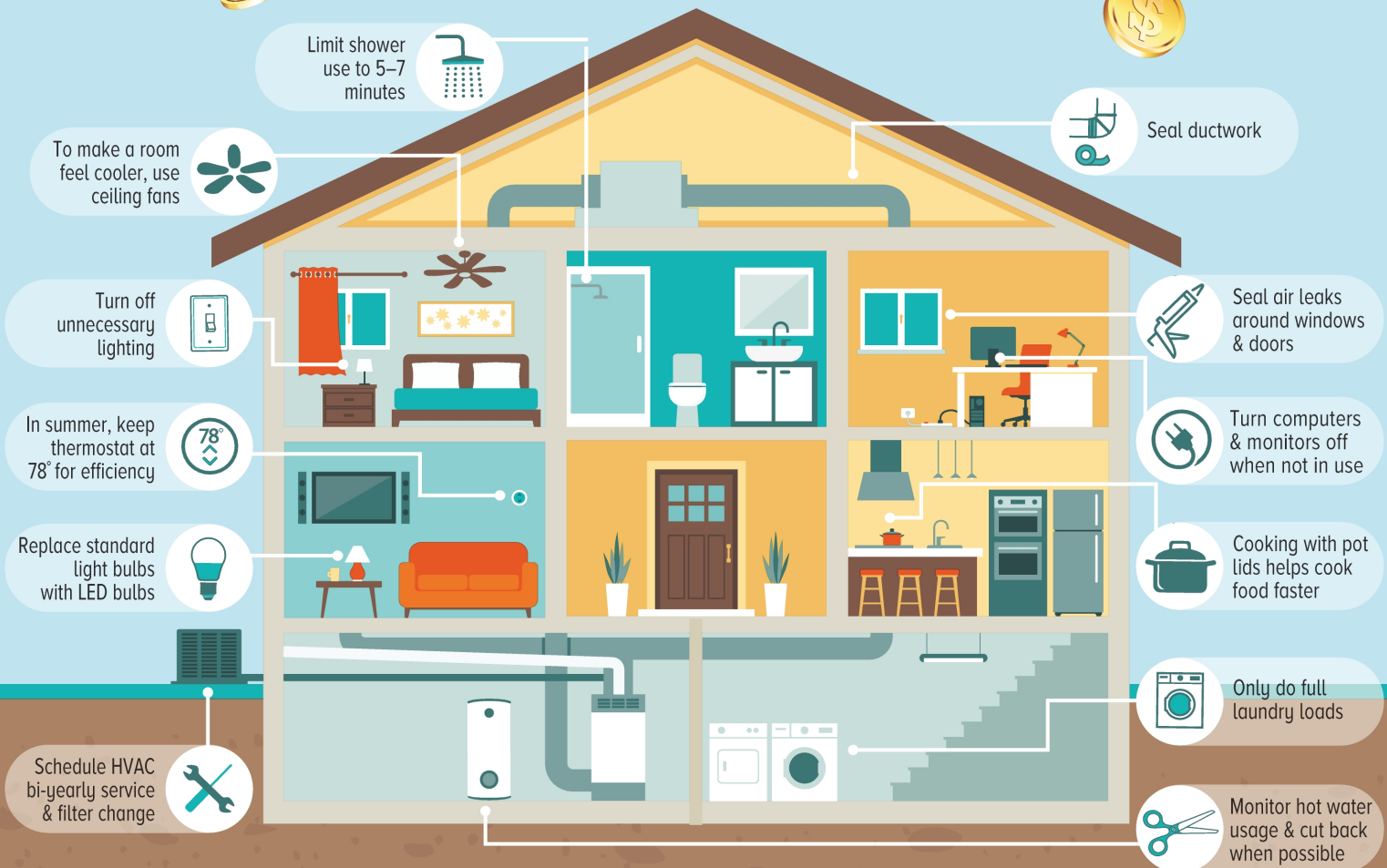


JAMACIA MCCRAY

Farrah Claxton and Brandi Williams show off their finisher medals after completing the 5K for RUN UNITED 2025.

A Few Simple Ways to Save on Energy Costs This Summer

Here are a few simple small ways to help cut down on energy use, which can add up to help members save money on their monthly bills. Aiken Electric Cooperative is committed to serving its members with dependable power and continues to offer energy savings and efficiency programs to help our members manage their energy costs.



Also Available are Aiken Electric's Energy Savings and Efficiency Programs:



- Get a FREE hot water heater plus incentives.
- This program offers a 10-year worry-free maintenance warranty, ideal for members seeking energy efficiency and peace of mind.



- Get \$50 when you enroll an eligible thermostat. Or we'll give you one and you can earn an incentive.
- This program helps reduce costs by allowing Aiken Electric to adjust thermostats slightly during peak demand times, benefiting both individual members and the cooperative.



- Earn \$2 a month for 12 months.
- Sign up for both E-Bill and Bank Draft, saving paper and reducing environmental impact.



- Get a home energy audit and zero-down, low-interest loan for efficiency upgrades, including HVAC improvements and LED lighting.
- These upgrades can significantly lower energy consumption, making the home more energy efficient.



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To find out more about the energy savings programs and tips, visit aikenco-op.org.