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# ATMC Issues

## \$1.9 Million in Capital Credit Refunds

The ATMC Board of Directors recently announced that the cooperative will issue over \$1,900,000 in Capital Credit Refunds in September.

As a membership cooperative, ATMC refunds to its members portions of revenues not used for expenses in a given year. These refunds are called Capital Credits.

In August, ATMC's Board of Directors approved a refund of more than \$1,900,000 dollars to current and former cooperative members who had service in 1995. Only members who had service during that year will receive a check.

"In these challenging economic times, we are proud that our cooperative is able to give back to our

members. This is one of the many benefits of doing business with ATMC," commented Lyle Ray King, ATMC Board President.

ATMC has refunded Capital Credits totaling almost \$28 million dollars since it was chartered over 50 years ago. ●

### 54TH ANNUAL MEETING

JOIN US FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2011 at the Odell Williamson Auditorium, Brunswick Community College  
7:00 PM, Registration begins at 4:00 PM

Featuring: Comedian Rik Roberts; Randy Hawse & The Bluegrass Boys; A Barbecue and Chicken Dinner; Cash & Prizes!



Allen Russ

#### MANAGER'S COMMENTS

If you were to ask anyone from this area the question, "What is ATMC", you'd most likely get a simple answer, "the telephone company". And while that's true, I like to point out that we are much more than that. We are, above all, a local company. To me, that's one of the most important things we have to offer.

ATMC and its subsidiaries employ close to 200 people who live here in Brunswick County. We attend local churches and our children attend local schools. We live our lives here, just like you. The contributions made by ATMC and our employees to this community go well beyond installing your favorite communications services. We volunteer our time for local causes and spend our salaries supporting businesses throughout the area. We are from here, and we take great pride in this community.

I am proud of the role we are able to play in our 'hometown'. I am also proud that because of your

support, we are a successful company that is able to give back to you, our members. As you may have read, our Board of Directors recently voted to distribute over \$1.9 million dollars in capital credit refunds to a large portion of our members. At a time when many large companies are exporting American jobs overseas, we are not only employing local people, but we are also putting money back into the local economy.

On behalf of ATMC, I thank you for letting us serve you and look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting on October 7th. ●

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#### HOLIDAY CLOSING

All ATMC and ATMC Wireless offices will be closed on Thursday, November 24, 2011 in observance of Thanksgiving. ●

# ATMC Awards \$25,000 In Community Grants

ATMC has awarded Community Connections grant funds totaling \$25,000 to 17 organizations serving Brunswick County.

**Arts & Culture:** Brunswick Little Theatre

**Emergency and Disaster Planning:** American Red Cross

**Health and Human Services:** Brunswick Adult Medical Clinic; Hope Harbor Home; Lower Cape Fear Hospice & Lifecare Center; New Hope Clinic

**Civic and Miscellaneous:** Brunswick Community College Interagency Program; Brunswick County Literacy Council; Communities in Schools of Brunswick County; Countywide Community Development Corporation; The First Tee of Brunswick County; Marine Corps League/Detachment

1036; Shallotte Lions Club; Smart Start of Brunswick County; Warrior Ride; WAVES4K.I.D.S.; Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry  
 Allen Russ, CEO/ General Manager of ATMC, commented, "I am honored to stand among such a fine group of community supporters today and am always amazed at the great work you are doing in Brunswick County. ATMC is proud to serve you, and we hope that these contributions will assist you in helping those in need in our own backyard. Thank you for caring so much about our community."

# ATMC Sponsors Local Youth For Co-Op Camp

The Cooperative Council of North Carolina held its 2011 Leadership Camp June 20–24 at the N.C. FFA Center at White Lake. Sponsored by ATMC for this year's camp were Bryan Simmons of Supply and Andrew Walton of Winnabow. The Leadership Camp is an educational program consisting of speakers, workshops, recreation and small group sessions with special emphasis on how cooperatives operate and how to develop leadership skills.

Allen Russ, ATMC CEO/ General Manager, commented, "ATMC is pleased to sponsor students for the Cooperative



*PICTURED (left to right): Andrew Walton and Bryan Simmons*

Leadership Camp again this year. This program enables our youth to learn about cooperatives and develop leadership skills that will carry them into adulthood." ●



*2011 Community Connections Grant Recipients*

To date, ATMC has awarded \$245,000 in community and education grants. ATMC will also be awarding education grants through its Smart Connections program in the fall of this year. ●

## PROXY

As a member of the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation, I, the undersigned, hereby appoint

my proxy to vote in my stead at the meeting of the members to be held at the Odell Williamson Auditorium on the campus of Brunswick Community College in Supply, North Carolina on October 7, 2011.

I realize that it is my duty as a member of this cooperative to take an active interest in its affairs and to exercise my voting privileges in person. However, as I find it impossible to attend the meeting in person, I have carefully considered the business which to my knowledge is to be acted upon, and have discussed it with my neighbors who are also members, and have decided to give my proxy to the person named above, who is a member in his own right and who has agreed to vote this proxy on all matters as he honestly believes I would vote if I were present. I hereby ratify and confirm my proxy's vote in my stead.

Witness my hand and seal this

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 SIGNATURE OF MEMBER GIVING PROXY

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**SPECIAL NOTICE:** All proxies for the October 7, 2011 Annual Meeting must be registered on or before October 5, 2011 at 6:00 PM. For additional information, read section 3.07 on page 47 of the July 2011 edition of the ATMC Telephone Directory or visit ATMC's website at [www.atmc.net](http://www.atmc.net).