

# Blue Ridge Fest sets fundraising record

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PICKENS - This year's Blue Ridge Fest set a fundraising record.

"After all the expenses had been accounted for, the event produced an incredible \$215,000 in net proceeds," announced Blue Ridge Electric Cooperative CEO Charles Dalton in a news release. "That's \$14,000 ahead of the previous record, which we tallied just a year ago in 2016."

Twelve local causes will each get portions of the proceeds from the annual music and classic car cruise-in event in downtown Pickens, including Anderson Interfaith Ministries, Collins Children's

Home, Meals on Wheels of Anderson, Dot's Kitchen of Westminster and Helping Hands of Clemson.

Dalton said corporate sponsorship and a lot of hard work by Blue Ridge employees and other volunteers were central to the event's success.

"I take my hat off to the cooperative's employees and their family members," he said. "All these individuals volunteered their time and energy to produce this festival. Without their enthusiastic involvement, Blue Ridge Fest simply would not have happened."

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