



David Wilson, left, a Duke Energy manager at Oconee Nuclear Station, presents \$2,500 to Calvary Home for Children pastor and executive director Greg Skipper. Calvary volunteer Daniel Wurst, right, decorated the tree. The tree won first place in Duke Energy's Festival of Trees display and voting contest at the World of Energy education center.

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Winner announced in Duke Energy's Festival of Trees

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SENECA — Winners in Duke Energy's World of Energy Festival of Trees were announced earlier this month, resulting in a total donation of \$5,000 to local nonprofits. Calvary Home for Children

finished in first place and has been awarded \$2,500, while Stratton's Snuggles finished in second place with \$1,500. In third place was Wounded Warrior Project, which was awarded \$1,000. A total of 19 trees were on display for the event this year and people

were invited to come to the Oconee Nuclear Station to vote or could do so virtually. Each tree was decorated by nonprofit volunteers, a local business or civic group sponsoring the nonprofit, according to a news release. Duke Energy has donated a total of \$25,000 to local

nonprofits through the Festival of Trees. Anyone interested in decorating a tree this year can do so by contacting Duke Energy over email at worldofenergy@duke-energy.com or by calling (864) 873-4600. There isn't a charge to decorate, and registration starts in the fall.