



GVTC Celebrates 75 Years of Service at 2026 Annual Meeting, Announces Nearly \$26 Million Returned to Members and Customers

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas — GVTC Communications celebrated a major milestone during its 2026 Annual Meeting, marking 75 years of serving the Texas Hill Country while reaffirming its commitment to delivering long-term value to members, investing in next-generation connectivity, and strengthening the communities it serves.

Founded in 1951 by local residents seeking reliable communications service, GVTC has evolved alongside the communities it serves—from telephone service to broadband, fiber connectivity, and emerging technologies—while remaining grounded in its cooperative mission.

“This year represents more than a milestone,” said Chairman Clint Swindall. “For 75 years, GVTC has been guided by a simple purpose: serving our members and investing in the long-term strength of our communities. While technology continues to change, that commitment remains the same.”

Delivering Value Back to Members

The Annual Meeting highlighted GVTC's commitment to sharing its success. Through its Capital Credit distribution and Member and Customer Dividend Programs, the cooperative returned nearly \$26 million in value to members and customers in 2025.

Investing in the Future

During the meeting, President and CEO Josh Pettiette highlighted GVTC's continued investment in network infrastructure and customer experience.

Over the past year, GVTC expanded fiber availability to nearly 90 percent of its service area, launched multi-gig internet service, and continued upgrading network capacity and reliability to meet the evolving needs of homes and businesses.

Pettiette said those investments are designed to ensure GVTC and the communities it serves are prepared for the next generation of technology, rising customer expectations, and the opportunities that come with continued growth across the Texas Hill Country.

“People do not judge us by the technology we deploy. They judge us by how we show up,” Pettiette said. “Every installation, every service call, and every interaction is an opportunity to earn the trust of our members.”

Board Elections

Members re-elected four incumbent Directors during this year's Board election: Clint Swindall, George Steinke, Jameson Arnold, and Richard Elkins. Director and Board Chaplain Tony Spears ran unopposed and was declared the winner.

Investing Beyond Connectivity

GVTC's commitment to the communities it serves extends beyond broadband infrastructure. In 2025, the GVTC Foundation invested over \$675,000 in local nonprofit organizations supporting education, emergency services, and families across the region. Employees also contributed more than 34,000 volunteer hours, reinforcing the cooperative's long-standing tradition of community service.

Looking Ahead

While the telecommunications industry continues to evolve, GVTC's purpose remains unchanged: connecting people, supporting communities, and ensuring the long-term success of the cooperative for generations to come.

About GVTC:

GVTC is a member-owned communications cooperative built by the communities it serves. Founded in 1951, the company delivers fiber-based connectivity across the Texas Hill Country and South-Central Texas—combining reliable infrastructure with a deeply local, relationship-driven approach.

Unlike national providers, GVTC is designed around long-term value, not short-term transactions. Its fiber network supports how people live and work today—while its service model reflects a simple principle: customers aren't accounts, they're neighbors.

GVTC also operates a regional carrier transport network connecting major Texas markets, including San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Lubbock, and Houston.

Now in its 75th year, GVTC continues to invest in both infrastructure and community. Through the GVTC Foundation, the cooperative has contributed millions of dollars to support local nonprofits, scholarships, and initiatives that strengthen the communities it calls home.

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