



Fact Sheet

- Program began in 2003 to help meet the local needs in our communities
- Over 65% or 8,616 of Runestone Electric Association's 13,672 members allow their bills to be rounded up to the next dollar
 - Average annual member donation is just over \$6.00 or $\pm 50\text{¢}$ per month
 - Can't buy much with that, but together 50¢ donations make a huge difference
- Funds collected are transferred to the Operation Round Trust Account
- Operation Round Up Trust Board meets four times per year to distribute funds
 - Trust Board functions separately from the REA Board of Directors
- Operation Round Up is unique to electric cooperatives
 - Started in 1989 by Palmetto Electric Cooperative in South Carolina
 - More than 260 cooperatives nationwide now participate
- Runestone Electric's Operation Round Up program distributes 94% of funds collected with less than 6% spent on overhead
 - This compares with an average of 25% - 40% spent on overhead for most charitable organizations
- As of November 2011, grants to local organizations exceed \$500,000
- 1,052 grants have been given to local organizations in REA's service territory to serve local needs
- Breakdown of grant categories and percent of dollars distributed since 2003:

Community 37%	Scholarships 12%
Fire & First Responders 17%	Food Shelves 10%
Youth Programs 16%	Senior Programs 7%



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