

# Traveling Tree House Visits REA

Operation Round Up Grant Recipients Gather Around the Bus



Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in May (front row l to r): Carson & Parker Tauber (MAHS Clay Target Association); Arlene Bowen (Pope County Triad); Michelle Seidel (West Central Communities Action); Maxine Prchal (Lake Mary Cemetery Association); Rhonda Blaser (Vikingland Band Festival); Lola Anderson (Life Source); Shirley Jacobs (Oscar Lake Cemetery Association); Iris Stark (Smokey Timber Foundation); Sharolyn Sievert & dog, Rafah (Central Lakes Search & Rescue) and Cindy Townsend (Alexandria Area High School Clay Target Team). (back row l to r): Dale Buchholz (Let's Go Fishing with Seniors); Dan Douvier (Glenwood Fire Department); Kris Chisholm (United Way of Douglas & Pope County); Chris Dahlke (Glenwood & Beyond); Grant Haugen (Marine Corps League "Toys for Kids"); John Loken (Trysil Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery Association); Rod Borden & Vern Lorsung (Operation Round Up Board).

REA's Operation Round Up® has distributed over **\$873,000** in grants to community-minded groups and organizations throughout the Cooperative's service territory since its inception in 2003. Over 65% of REA's members allow their bills to be rounded up to the next dollar with the average yearly contribution of \$6.

The following twenty-nine area organizations shared \$11,100 in grants from Operation Round Up.

### Fire Departments - First Responders

- Villard Fire Department (\$500)
- Glenwood Fire Department (\$500)

### Seniors

- Pope County Triad (\$300)
- Let's Go Fishing with Seniors (\$500)

### Youth

- Alexandria Area High School Clay Target Team (\$200)
- Vikingland Band Festival (\$500)
- Glacial Hills Elementary (\$300)
- United Way of Douglas & Pope County (\$500)
- MAHS Clay Target Association (\$200)
- Community Preschool (\$300)

- Minnewaska Post Prom (\$200)
- Prairie Rivers Baseball Association (\$400)
- Brandon/Evansville Summer Rec (\$300)
- Marine Corps League "Toys for Kids" (\$500)

### Community

- Central Lakes Search & Rescue (\$1000)
- Smokey Timber Foundation (\$500)
- West Central MN Communities Action (\$1000)
- Lake Mary Cemetery Association (\$250)
- Stevens County Relay for Life (\$200)
- Thorson Memorial Library (\$300)
- RUSC Kinship Mentoring (\$300)
- Forada Days (\$200)
- Garfield Community Club (\$200)
- Life Source (\$500)
- Stevens County Area Food Drop (\$200)
- Starbuck Depot & Museum (\$500)
- Trysil Bethesda Lutheran Cemetery Association (250)
- Oscar Lake Cemetery Association (\$250)
- Glenwood & Beyond (\$250)

Participation in Operation Round Up is strictly voluntary. If members want to opt-out of the program, they simply call REA to be removed from the program.

The deadline for the next round of funding is **August 13**. Application forms are available by calling Runestone Electric at (800) 473-1722. Applications can be downloaded at [www.RunestoneElectric.com](http://www.RunestoneElectric.com).



## TRAVELING TREE HOUSE

The traveling Tree House is a mobile learning center that provides FREE summer learning opportunities for local children. At each visit kids experience 75 minutes of reading, crafts, and activities.

To find out when the Tree House will be near you, **contact the United Way at 320-834-7800 or [www.uwdp.org](http://www.uwdp.org).**

