

## REA Members Making a Difference in their Communities Through Operation Round Up®



**Christmas came early for thirty-eight organizations who shared \$19,360 in grants from REA's Operation Round Up program during the December 6<sup>th</sup> check presentation.**

Runestone Electric Association's Operation Round Up® has distributed over \$925,000 in grants to community-minded groups and organizations throughout the Cooperative's service territory since its inception in 2003. Over 64% of REA's members allow their bills to be rounded up to the next dollar with the average yearly contribution of \$6.

The following thirty-eight area organizations shared \$19,360 in grants from Operation Round Up.

**Fire Departments & First Responders:** Hoffman Fire & Rescue (\$500) and Garfield First Responders (\$500).

**Youth:** Alexandria High School Senior Party (\$250); Boy Scout Troop #440 (\$400); Runestone Area Education District – Students Optimizing in Academics (\$750) and Butterfly Hill Nature Preschool (\$250).

**Community:** St. Lukes Cemetery Association (\$250); Honor Quilts (\$1000); Douglas County Library (\$500); Grant County Humane Society (\$500); Douglas County Sheriff's Posse (\$500); Red Willow Arts Coalition (\$500); Papa's Angels (\$500); Pope County Humane Society (\$500); City of Wendell/Wendell Merchants (\$200); Pike Lake Cemetery Association (\$250); Douglas County HRA (\$500); Central Lakes Symphony (\$300); True Friends (\$500); Habitat for Humanity

of Douglas County (\$750); Someplace Safe (\$1000); Central Square (\$350); Men's Ultimate Frisbee (\$250); Cribbage Fundraiser for Honor Flight (\$250); Titus II, Inc. (\$750); Bethel Memorial Cemetery Association (\$250); Runestone Museum Foundation (\$500); Hoffman Commerce & Ag (\$200); Alexandria Area Uncompensated Care Plan (\$1000); Crisis Pregnancy of Alex, dba "Life Connections" (\$1000); Douglas County Historical Society (\$500); Pope County Families in Need (\$1000); Jingle Bells Foundation (\$1000); Alexandria Area Branch/AAUW (\$200) and Evansville Community Club (\$200).

**Seniors:** Minnewaska Lutheran Home (\$500); Alexandria Senior Center (\$500) and Knute Nelson Foundation (\$500).

**Calling all non-profit organizations!** Area organizations are encouraged to apply for Operation Round Up grants. The deadline for the next round of funding is February 8, 2019. Application forms are available by calling Runestone Electric at (320) 762-1121 or (800) 473-1722. Applications can be downloaded from the REA website: [www.RunestoneElectric.com](http://www.RunestoneElectric.com).

Runestone Electric Association Touchstone Energy Cooperative® serving over 14,000 accounts in the rural areas of Douglas, Pope, Grant, Stevens, Ottertail, Stearns and Todd counties.