

REA Members Support Their Communities!

Operation Round Up Distributes **\$12,250** in March



Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in March (front row l to r): Nikki Otto, Brandon-Evansville Post Prom; Iris Stark, Smokey Timbers Foundation; and Jessica Albertsen, Kid's Groundwater Festival. (middle row l to r): Sue Lundeen, Brandon-Evansville Post Prom; Bonnie Brooks, Zion Lutheran; Anita Shehan, The Caring & Sharing Room; Shirley Zemke, Hearts & Hands Food Shelf; Melinda Megel, The Caring & Sharing Room; Mya Santelman, Lakes Area Alpine Program; Shirley Ross, Alexandria Senior Quilters; and Karen Zwiig, Holmes City First Responders. (back row l to r): Rod Borden, Operation Round Up Trust Board; Melvin Conrad; Kensington Area Heritage Society; Grant Haugen, MCL Toys for Kids; Darren Santelman, Lakes Area Alpine Program; Dave Jablonski, Boy Scout Troop #418; and Vern Lorsung, Operation Round Up Trust Board.

Runestone Electric Association's Operation Round Up® has distributed over **\$938,000** 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 twenty-two area organizations shared **\$12,250** in grants from Operation Round Up.

Fire Departments - First Responders

- Holmes City First Responders (\$1,000)

Youth

- Marine Corps League Toys for Kids (\$600)
- Brandon-Evansville Post Prom (\$200)
- Morris Area Post Prom (\$200)
- Minnewaska Area HS Clay Target (\$200)
- Lakes Area Alpine Program (\$200)
- West-Central Area HS Post Prom (\$200)
- Boy Scout Troop #418 (\$200)
- Browerville Post Prom (\$100)
- St. Ann's Youth Group (\$400)
- Brush & Palette Club of Alexandria (\$100)
- Osakis High School Trap League (\$200)
- Millerville Youth Program (\$250)
- Zion Lutheran Summer Youth Program (\$250)
- Kid's Water Festival (\$500)
- Destiny Academy Family Event (\$200)
- Moe 4H Club (\$200)

Seniors

- Galeon of Osakis (\$300)
- Hoffman Senior Citizens Club (\$750)

Community

- Alexandria Senior Quilters (\$200)
- The Caring & Sharing Room (\$500)
- Smokey Timbers Foundation (\$500)
- Farwell Lutheran Cemetery (\$200)
- Quilters of Osakis Lutheran Church (\$200)
- Wendell Legion & Auxiliary (\$200)
- Life Right Outreach (\$400)
- Kensington Area Heritage Society (\$400)
- Spruce Hill Foundation (\$200)
- Friends of Douglas County Fair (\$200)
- Alexandria Literacy Project (\$750)

The deadline for the next round of funding is **May 10**. Application forms are available by calling Runestone Electric at (800) 473-1722 or downloaded at www.RunestoneElectric.com.