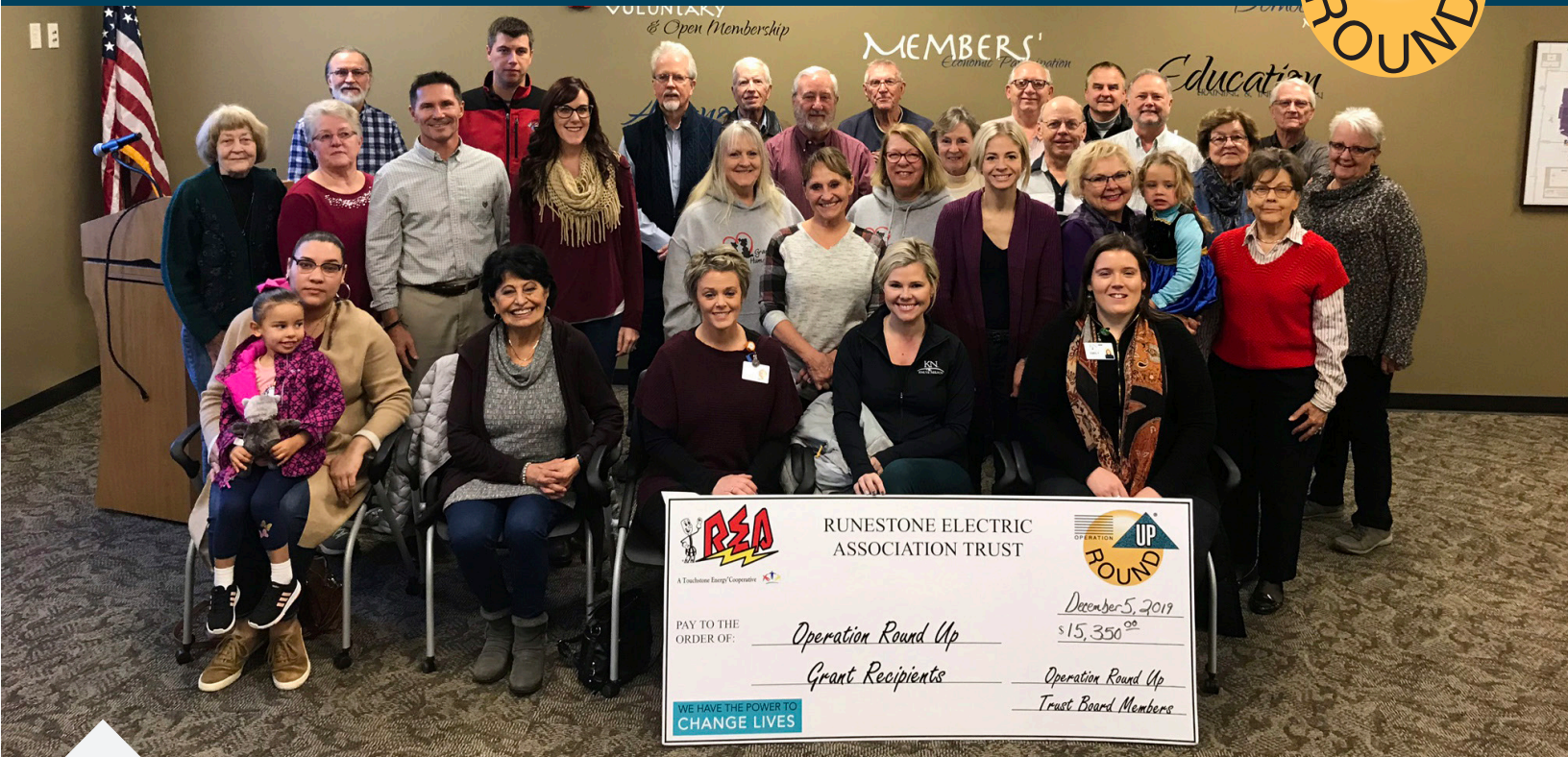
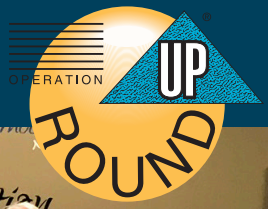


# Making a difference with Operation Round Up



**Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in December** (front row l to r): Nahiomy Negron, Brianna Diaz, and Beatriz Hadler (Life Connections); Chris Harris, Kalee Morhman and Emily Geris (Knute Nelson Foundation); (middle row l to r): Ina Larson (Bethel Cemetery); Irene Shervey (Ever Blessed Quilters); Joe Korkowski (Jingle Bells); Megan Hermanson (DAC); Sherry Tolar and Robin McNamer (Grant County Human Society); Ardie Piper (Garfield First Responders); Kendall Brickweg (United Way); Gail Schulz (Ebenezer Cemetery); and Kathy Withers (Osakis Senior Citizens). (back row l to r): Rod Borden (Operation Round Up Board); Kyle Nichtern (Lowry Fire Department); Jim Dyr Dahl (St. Lukes Cemetery); Wendell Woyke (Osakis Senior Citizens); Mike Cleary (Brandon History Center); Vern Lorsung (Operation Round Up Board); Georgia Wahlberg (AAUW); Glen Eblen (Lands Cemetery); Ray Wille (American Legion); Tom Hayes (Selective TV); Al Glaeseman (HRA); Ruth Nagel (Uncompensated Care Plan); Lonnie Wing (Selective TV); and Janet Johnson (Operation Round Up Board).

## Generosity of REA members impacts area organizations

REA members participating in Operation Round Up® have collectively donated over \$978,000 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 electric bills to be rounded up to the next dollar, with the average yearly contribution of \$6.

Through the generosity of REA members, the following thirty-one area organizations shared \$15,350 in donations.

**Fire Departments & First Responders:** Garfield First Responders (\$500); Lowry Fire Department (\$500); and Brandon Fire Department (\$500).

**Community:** United Way of Douglas & Pope Counties (\$500); Inspiration Peak Post #527 American Legion (\$300); Honor Quilts (\$1,000); Alexandria Area Branch of AAUW (\$200); Douglas County HRA (\$500); Lakes Area Quilt Guild (\$250); Grant County Human Society (\$700); Ever Blessed Quilters - Peace Lutheran Church (\$250); St. Lukes Cemetery Association (\$250); Nora Lutheran Church Health Kits (\$250); Red Willow Arts Coalition (\$500); Lake Leven Cemetery (\$250); True Friends (\$500); Ebenezer Cemetery Association (\$250); Life Connections (\$250); Selective TV (\$500); Brandon

History Center (\$400); Douglas County Developmental Achievement Center (DAC) \$750); Titus II, Inc. (\$750); Evansville Community Club (\$250); Jingle Bells Foundation (\$1,000); Lands Cemetery (\$250); Bethel Memorial Cemetery Association (\$1,000); and Rotary Club of Alexandria (\$500).

**Seniors:** Osakis Senior Citizens Meals (\$500); and Santa for Seniors (\$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 7, 2020. Application forms are available by calling REA at (800) 473-1722. Applications can be downloaded from the REA website: [www.RunestoneElectric.com](http://www.RunestoneElectric.com).

### Unsure if you participate in Operation Round Up?

Look for it on your bill or give REA a call 800-473-1722 and we can look for you!