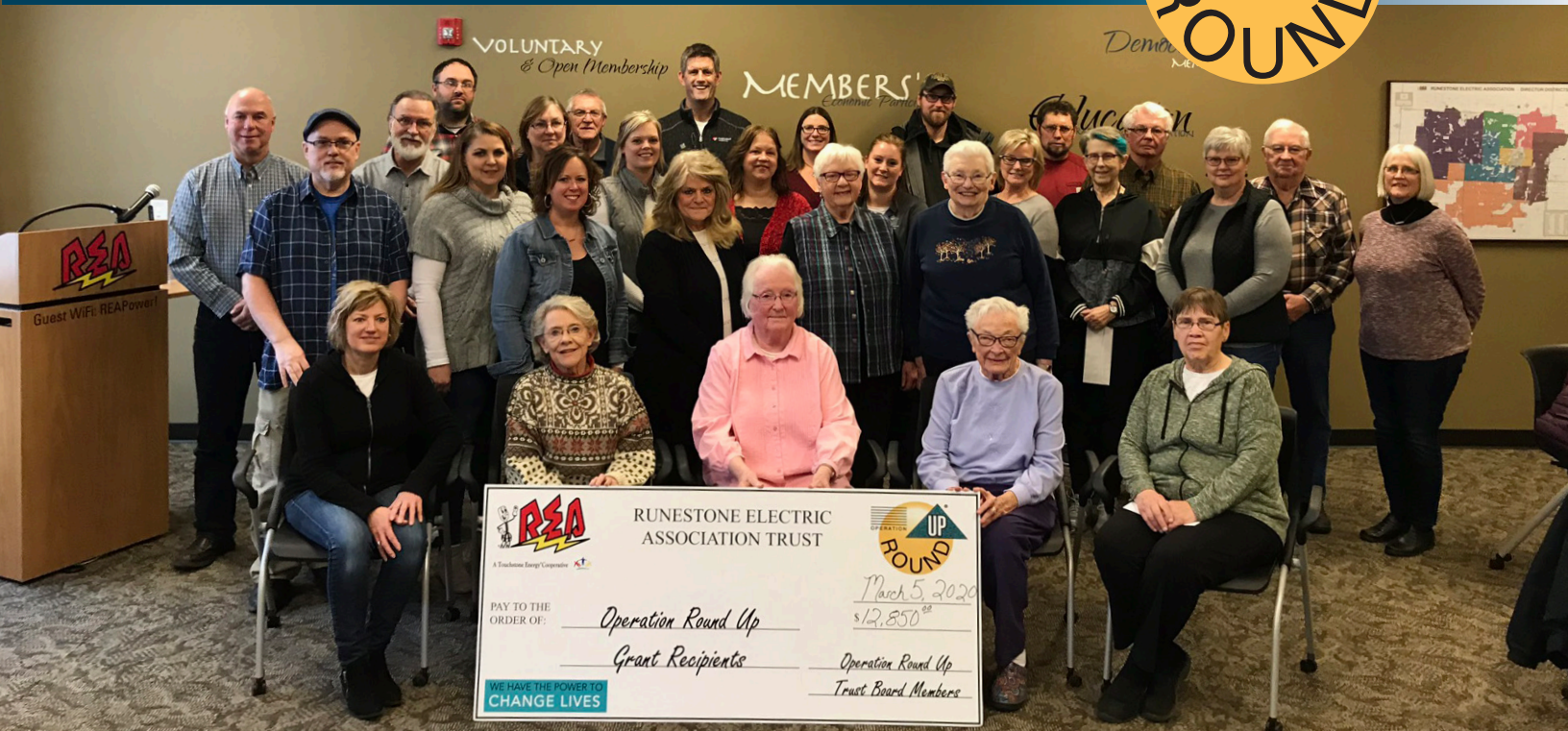
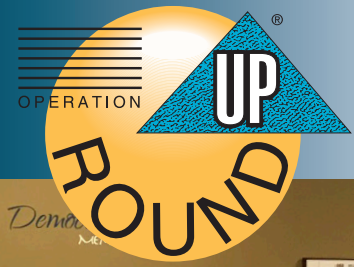


When Neighbors Help Neighbors, Small Change Can Change Lives!



Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in August (front row l to r): Lynn Strandskov (Lakes Area Alpine Program); Marcia Gae Schmidt (Alexandria Senior Center); Shirley Ross (Alexandria Senior Quilters); Kathryn LeBrosseur (Alexandria Senior Center) and Shirley Zemke (Hearts and Hands Food Shelf). (middle row l to r): Fred Wittenberg (Central Square, Inc.); Molly Baune and Amanda Miller (Alexandria MN Young Life); Sandy Susag (Central Lakes Symphony); Judy Anderson (Pope County Triad); Marjorie Engebretson (Glenwood City Cemetery); Mary Nortman (Someplace Safe); and Julie Olmscheid (The Caring & Sharing Room). (back row l to r): Jeff Gaffaney and Rod Borden (Operation Round Up Board); David McArdle (Hoffman Economic Development Authority); Cheryl Gebhardt (B-E High School Trap Team); Vern Lorsung (Operation Round Up Board); Brandi Gruchow (WCA Genius Hour); Tim Urness (D-O-U-G-L-A-S County Challenge); Robi Bowman (Morris Area Post Prom); Amy Olinger (Central Lakes Symphony); Katie Lence (West Central MN Communities Action); Dustin Palmarsheim (Leaf Valley First Responders); Vicki Gessel (Kid's Ground Water Festival); Pete Olmscheid (Caring & Sharing Room); Don Semerad (Alexandria Senior Center); Howard Jaeck (Stevens County Food Shelf); and Deborah Anderson (Operation Round Up Board).

Operation Round Up Donates \$12,850 to Local Nonprofits

Runestone Electric Association's Operation Round Up® has distributed over \$991,500 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 \$12,850 in grants from Operation Round Up.

Fire Departments & First Responders: Leaf Valley Township Fire Department (\$500).

Food Shelf: Stevens County Food Shelf (\$300); Long Prairie Food Pantry (\$300); Outreach Food Shelf (\$500); Hearts and Hands Food Shelf (\$500); HK Area Food Shelf (\$500) and Grant County Food Shelf (\$500).

Youth: Morris Area Post Prom (\$200); Brandon Evansville Post Prom (\$200); Alexandria Area High School Senior Graduation Party (\$250); Central Square, Inc. (\$250); WCA Post Prom (\$200); Toys for Kids (\$500); Osakis After Prom (\$200); Discovery Days Preschool (\$250); Kid's Water Festival (\$250); Alexandria MN Young Life (\$250); Brandon-Evansville High School Trap Team (\$200); WCA

Genius Hour (\$300); Alexandria Youth Cycling/Big Ole Bike Club (\$200); Lakes Area Alpine Program (\$200) and Alexandria Girls Fast Pitch (\$250).

Community: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 235 (\$250); Central Lakes Symphony (\$250); Someplace Safe (\$750); D-O-U-G-L-A-S County Challenge (\$200); Wendell Legion & Auxiliary (\$300); The Caring & Sharing Room (\$500); Monday Quilters of Osakis Lutheran Church (\$200); Glenwood City Cemetery (\$250); Rock Prairie WELCA (\$200); West Central MN Communities Action (\$1000); Hoffman Economic Development Authority (\$500); Stevens County HRA (\$200) and The Salvation Army (\$500).

Seniors: Alexandria Senior Center (\$500); Pope County (\$350) and Alexandria Senior Quilters (\$200).

Calling all nonprofit organizations!

Area organizations are encouraged to apply for Operation Round Up grants. The deadline for the next round of funding is May 1, 2019. Application forms are available by calling REA at (800) 473-1722. Applications can be downloaded from the REA website: www.RunestoneElectric.com.