



REA Members Support Their Communities

Operation Round Up Distributes \$12,600 in September



Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in September (Front row from l to r): Doris Weispfennig, St. John's Lutheran Cemetery; Crystal Schroeder, The Village Family Service Center; Tasha Olson, Runestone Area Education District; Renee Hills, Lake Mary Cemetery Association; Kim Kortuem, Osakis Trapshooting Team; Terri Shatek, Radiothon to End Child Abuse; Janet Johnson, Operation Round Up Trust Board; and Joyce Burghardt, St. Mary's Mission Quilting Group. (Back row from l to r): Loris Weispfennig, West Lake Amelia Cemetery; Rod Borden, Operation Round Up Trust Board; Georgia Wahlberg, AAUW - Alex Area Branch; Travis Middendorf, Osakis Fire Department; Cheryl Gebhardt, Brandon-Evansville Trapshooting Team; Quinto Lotti, Kalon Prep Academy; Mary Yaw, Titus II, Inc.; and Bill Sugden, Experimental Aircraft Association.

Through the contributions of REA's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved \$12,600 to assist local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

The trust board, a voluntary board of seven REA members, reviewed and considered 28 grant applications and distributed funds to 22 projects and programs this past quarter. Since the program's inception in 2003, more than \$1 million has been allocated to community-based projects and programs. Grant recipients by category include:

Fire Departments & First Responders

- Alexandria Fire Department (\$1,000)
- Osakis Fire Department (\$1,000)

Youth

- Osakis Trapshooting Team (\$200)
- Kalon Prep Academy (\$1,000)
- Runestone Area Education District (\$1,000)
- Brandon-Evansville Trapshooting Team (\$200)

Community

- Experimental Aircraft Association (\$500)
- Lake Mary Cemetery Association (\$250)
- Radiothon to End Child Abuse (\$2,000)
- Donnelly Community Club, Inc. (\$500)
- Tri-State Manufacturers Association Foundation (\$500)
- St. Mary's Mission Quilting Group (\$200)
- Elk Lake Beach (\$250)
- St. John's Lutheran Cemetery (\$250)
- West Lake Amelia Cemetery (\$250)
- Titus II, Inc. (\$750)
- Alexandria Area Chamber of Commerce (\$500)
- United Communities Advocating Non-Violence (\$1,000)
- AAUW - Alex Area Branch (\$200)
- Zionsborg Cemetery Assoc. (\$250)
- The Village Family Service Center (\$500)

The deadline to apply for the next round of Operation Round Up grants is **November 5, 2021**

Application forms can be completed online at www.RunestoneElectric.com