



DECEMBER 2021

Operation Round Up®

Through the contributions of REA's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved \$16,100 to assist local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

REA's Trust Board, a voluntary board of seven REA members, reviewed and considered 24 grant applications and distributed funds to 18 projects and programs this past quarter. Community-based projects and programs have received more than \$1 million since the program's inception in 2003.

The deadline to apply for the next round of funding is February 11, 2022.

Complete the application form at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

The following area organizations shared \$16,100 in grants.

Grant Recipients:

FIRE DEPARTMENTS & FIRST RESPONDERS

- » Donnelly Fire & Rescue (\$1,000)

YOUTH

- » Toys for Kids (\$700)
- » Early Childhood Initiative (\$1,000)
- » Alexandria Youth Football (\$200)
- » WCA Ag Boosters (\$500)
- » Alexandria Figure Skating Club (\$250)

COMMUNITY

- » Salvation Army (\$1,500)
- » Foster Closet Grant County (\$1,000)
- » Central Lakes Concert Association (\$250)
- » Red Willow Arts Coalition (\$500)
- » Evansville Community Club (\$250)
- » Honor Quilts (\$1,000)
- » Someplace Safe (\$1,000)
- » City of Wendell Santa Day (\$250)
- » Lake Amelia Cemetery (\$250)
- » Douglas County HRA (\$500)
- » Jingle Bells Telethon (\$2,500)
- » True Friends (\$850)
- » 26 area cemeteries (\$2,600)



Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in December (front row from left to right): Holding the check: Leigh Nelson, Someplace Safe; Tanya Winter, Foster Closet Grant County; Connie Fields, Early Childhood Initiative; and Eric Sawatzke, WCA Ag Boosters. Back row from left to right: Al Glaeseman, Douglas County HRA; Roger Schultz, Dave Schultz and Donna Ortendahl, Salvation Army; Venessa Bruggeman, Honor Quilts; Grant Haugen, Toys for Kids; Rod Borden, Operation Round Up Trust Board member; Tim Lange, Lake Amelia Cemetery; Check Wencil, Red Willow Arts Coalition; Janet Johnson, Operation Round Up Trust Board member; Matt Gilbertson and Joe Korkowski, Jingle Bells Telethon.

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 11, 2022 Application forms can be completed online at www.RunestoneElectric.com.



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Operation Round Up® Spotlight: Foster Closet Grant County

A sad reality is that many children often arrive in foster homes with little to nothing but the clothes they are wearing. “The Foster Closet helps meet the immediate and ongoing needs of children in foster care,” explained Tanya Winter, the founder of the Foster Closet of Grant County.

“Our families have many needs like diapers, personal care items for children and teens (body wash, deodorant, hair products, feminine products), twin/full bedding, clothing (newborn to teen), baby gear (no cribs), winter gear (especially glove/mittens), new backpacks/duffel bags, new shoes, new socks and underwear,” said Winter.

Since creating the Foster Closet in 2019, Winter has served over 300 children in Grant County and the surrounding area. Her next goal is to develop foster closets in all counties in Minnesota.

If you would like to help, please send donations to:

Foster Closet Grant County

c/o Tanya Winter
14498 167th St.
Hoffman, MN 56339.

Nonprofit donation receipts are available. To donate clothes, diapers, furniture, etc., please contact Tanya at 320-986-2556 or send a message on Facebook: Foster Closet Grant County.

