



SEPTEMBER 2024

REA Members Support Their Communities!

Operation Round Up Distributes **\$11,814** in September!

Through the contributions of Runestone Electric Association's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved **\$11,814** to assist local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

REA's Operation Round Up Trust Board, a voluntary board of seven REA members, reviewed and considered 24 grant applications and distributed funds to 22 projects and programs this past quarter. Community-based projects and programs have received over \$1.2 million since the program's inception in 2003. On average, participating REA members contribute **\$6.20 for the year**. Proof that small change adds up. Best of all, 95% of all funds collected are distributed as grants.

The deadline to apply for the next round of funding is November 11, 2024.

Complete the application form at www.RunestoneElectric.com.

The following area organizations shared \$11,814 in grants.

Grant Recipients:

FIRE DEPARTMENTS & FIRST RESPONDERS

- » Leaf Valley First Responders - Lucas CPR device (\$1,000)

YOUTH

- » Grant County Child & Youth Council - Changemaker Halloween Carnival (\$500)

SENIOR

- » Alexandria Senior Quilters - Quilting supplies (\$300)

COMMUNITY

- » Lake Mary Cemetery Association - cemetery maintenance (\$300)
- » Veterans Memorial Honor Guard - formation of honor guard (\$1,000)
- » Hudson Cemetery Association - cemetery maintenance (\$300)
- » KT Humble Hearts - grief support services (\$1,000)
- » Cycling Without Age Alexandria - cycling equipment (\$500)
- » Alexandria Area Branch of AAUW - Project Book Shelf (\$250)
- » Lutheran Social Service - LSS Meals Long Prairie Area (\$500)
- » Bethel Memorial Cemetery Association - cemetery maintenance (\$300)

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- » Aeneas Cemetery Association - cemetery maintenance (\$300)
- » Lake Amelia Cemetery - cemetery maintenance (\$300)
- » Friends of Christmas - Holiday light parade (\$500)
- » Runestone Museum Foundation - Oletober Fest (\$500)
- » Immanuel Lutheran Cemetery Association - cemetery maintenance (\$300)
- » Zion Lutheran Church - Community service outreach (\$300)
- » Lincoln Lutheran Cemetery Association - cemetery mapping stand (\$300)
- » West Central Area Churches - Feed My Starving Children event (\$564)
- » Norunga Lutheran Cemetery Association - cemetery maintenance (\$300)
- » Alexandria Small Mall - Christmas shopping event for children (\$500)
- » United Communities Advocating Non-Violence - Domestic abuse/violence awareness event (\$1,000)
- » Radiothon to Prevent Child Abuse - Radiothon event (\$1,000)



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Operation Round Up® Group Photo



Representing some of the organizations receiving Operation Round Up® grants in September, front row l to r – Paulette Solvie, West Central Area Churches; and Deb Hadley, Denise Hadley and Pat Baukol, KT Humble Hearts. Middle row l to r – Tara Bitzan, Friends of Christmas; Renee Hills, Lake Mary Cemetery Association; Nancy Doebbert, Alexandria Small Mall; Barb Rolf, Zion Lutheran Quilters; and Shirley Ross, Alexandria Senior Quilters. Back row l to r – John Rolf and David Lundy, Operation Round Up Trust Board Members; James Erickson, Aeneas Cemetery Association; Jim Hartman, Hudson Cemetery Association; and Richard Schlosser, Veterans Memorial Honor Guard.

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 November 11, 2024. Application forms can be completed online at www.RunestoneElectric.com.