

BROWN COUNTY RURAL ELECTRIC TRUST

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OPERATION ROUND UP was established in December 1994 for the purpose of accumulation and disbursement of funds for charitable and educational purposes in the area served by Brown County REA.

How does Operation Round Up work? Each month, participating members' electric bills are rounded up to the nearest dollar. For example, if your bill is \$84.27 you pay \$85.00. The extra \$.73 is your Round Up contribution, which goes directly to the Rural Electric Trust Fund.

An average annual contribution is \$6.00 per year and the maximum any member would contribute in any given year is \$11.88. Since the first meeting in March of 1995, the Brown County Rural Electric Trust has distributed more than \$275,000 to charitable organizations and individual families in crisis. Examples of organizations and projects which have received funds since 1995:

Adopt a Soldier
Gibbon Fire & Ambulance Fund
Brown County 4-H Clubs
We Care Project
MN Brain Injury Task Force
Sertoma Club Santa's Closet
Sleepy Eye Holiday Lights in Motion
New Ulm Fire Dept. Rural Truck
MN. Valley Habitat For Humanity
Comfrey First Responders
Food for Kidz

Area Schools Dollars for Scholars
Springfield Community Playground
Brown County Red Cross
Southern MN Youth Dairy Show
Comfrey Legion B-47 Memorial
Kiwanis Coats for Kids
Hanska Fire Department
Morgan Rural Fire Department
New Ulm Area Camp Courage
Sleepy Eye Safety Day Camp
Sportsmen's Club Boating & Bobbers

Your contributions are tax deductible and you will receive a summary of your annual contributions at the end of each year. Requests for the funds from Operation Round Up are evaluated by the Trust Board and donations are then made to organizations which will help benefit our rural communities.

Pennies donated by each participating member become significant in terms of good they can do in our rural areas. If you would like to change your status of participation in the Operation Round Up program, you may choose to opt out or opt in at any time on our website, browncountyrea.coop, or calling our office during office hours. If you have questions, please call 1-800-658-2368, or 507-794-3331.