It’s spare change that makes a big difference. Thanks to our participating members for allowing their bills to be rounded-up each month to the nearest dollar. Since the beginning of the program in January of 2002, over $655,000 has been given back to our community. The money has been used by organizations who serve all sectors of our community; youth, seniors, young families, and everyone in-between.

The following organizations received Operation Round Up funds:

**LaGrange Baseball League**- received $1,500 to go towards the purchase of many new tools needed to maintain their three fields at Spreuer Park Complex.

**Elijah Haven Crisis Intervention Center-**received $1,700 to help pay for a speaker and printed materials to teach the teen dating violence curriculum “Safe Dates” in health classes. Approximately 260 students across Prairie Heights, Lakeland and Westview will be reached.

**Junior Achievement serving LaGrange County**- received $2,000 to support approximately 250 fifth grade LaGrange County students to attend JA Biztown. JA Biztown uses hands-on, experiential learning to teach students lessons about the economy, entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy.

**Stroh Volunteer Fire Department** received $2,000 to help purchase a new thermal imaging camera. The camera helps firefighters pick up the heat signatures of victims in smokey conditions. It can also be used in any weather conditions, day or night, inside or outside.

For local, nonprofit organizations who are seeking funding for a project, please fill out and return an application to the LaGrange County REMC office by Monday, July 3, to be considered for the next round of Operation Round Up disbursements. Applications can be downloaded from the REMC website, lagrangeremc.com.