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 $688,000 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 County Miracle Tree**- received $1,000 to purchase winter clothing (coats, hats, gloves boots, etc.), clothes for daily living (jeans, sweatpants, t-shirts, etc.), shoes, socks, underwear, pajamas and bedding for children whose families they serve.

**Youth for Christ of Northern Indiana-** received $1,000 to support Campus Life programming at Westview Jr./Sr. High School. YFC’s Campus Life focuses on helping young people navigate the pivotal years of high school and middle school.

**LaGrange County Clothes and Food Basket**- received $2,000 to purchase a freezer that will replace a broken one.

**Community Improvement League Inc. of South Milford-** received $1,000 to help construct ADA friendly trails and expand Austin Park to make it a more inviting place for multi-generations and for those with mobility challenges.

**Meals of Hope, Inc.-** received $1,500 to provide food to youth living in LaGrange County when they do not receive food through the school systems. The money will be used to help start a fund specifically for emergency needs.

**Kate’s Kart, Inc.-** received $1,500 to purchase children’s books to be given to children when they are patients at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. The money will impact 240 hospitalized children and their families.

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 1, to be considered for the next round of Operation Round Up disbursements. Applications can be downloaded from the REMC website, lagrangeremc.com.