

## **Marking milestones: Operation Round Up reaches \$800,000**

You did it!

You, as a Noble REMC member, reached a milestone in your donation back to the community.

Our Operation Round Up program recently marked more than \$800,000 in giving to Noble, DeKalb and the surrounding counties since its inception in 2002.

That wouldn't be possible without you.

The program relies on the participation of the more than 80% of our members who round up their bill to the nearest dollar each month. Those cents then go into a fund that is distributed to local nonprofit organizations for their projects benefitting the community and its residents.

This can be anything from funding school educational programs and 4-H projects, to stocking food banks with supplies, to providing AEDs for local clubs and fire departments.

If you're unsure whether you participate in the program, your bill is the fastest way to check. Simply look for the line item, showing how much your bill was rounded up.

If for some reason you opted out of the program and wish to take part, give our office a call to sign up again.

The most recent distribution of the Operation Round Up Trust Fund gave more than \$9,000 to educational programs and fair improvements, including:

**Soarin' Hawk Raptor Rehabilitation**, \$2,500, educational presentations in Noble County

**Central Noble Construction**, \$2,000, canned goods

**Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society**, \$750, school group youth tour

**Junior Achievement, serving Noble County**, \$1,500, Economics for Success program

**Central Noble Elementary Fifth Grade**, \$1,100, project-based learning materials

**Noble County Community Fair Corporation**, \$1,300, lock system

To be considered for the next cycle of disbursements, local nonprofit organizations are encouraged to fill out and return an application to the Noble REMC office by Wednesday, April 1.

Applications are available now at the Noble REMC office in Albion or can be downloaded from [nobleremc.com](http://nobleremc.com), under "Programs."