



Operation Round Up is an easy and inexpensive way for you to give back to our local communities.

It's not a new idea, but it's an effective one. When you participate in Operation Round Up, your electric bill is automatically rounded up to the next dollar each month and the contribution is deposited in the Operation Round Up fund. Your average annual contribution will be about \$6.00.

The funds and grant applications are reviewed quarterly by a volunteer board of directors made up of members, just like you.

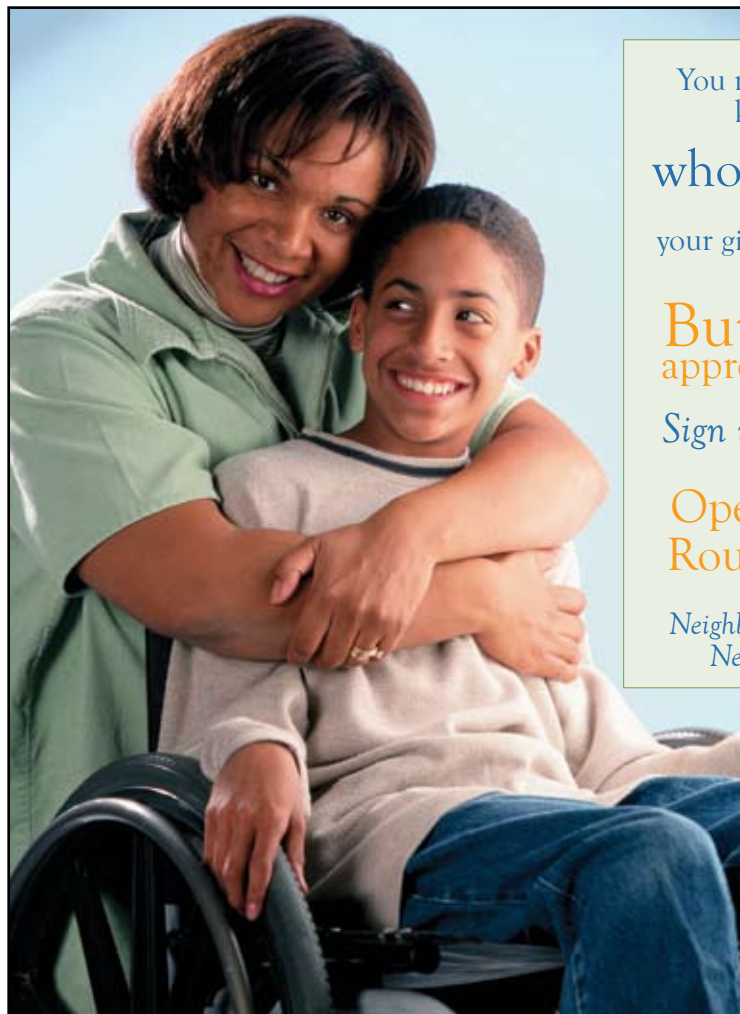
The most popular program Operation Round Up sponsors is its Scholarship Program. Every year, Operation Round Up makes funds available for entering freshmen pursuing a higher education or licensed trade.

Many people became Operation Round Up participants in 2006 during a membership drive benefiting local volunteer fire departments. More than \$3,000 was given to local volunteer fire departments.

Another important duty of Operation Round Up is getting immediate assistance to victims of a house fire. When a member loses their home to fire, they are often left without basic necessities of clothing and personal items like a toothbrush. An Operation Round Up grant helps with these immediate, life-sustaining needs.

We don't often write about families helped by the program out of respect for their privacy, but many families are touched by Operation Round Up.

Families are helped through a partnership with Neighborhood House in Lubbock. When a Cooperative member needs help, they are referred to Neighborhood House and are interviewed so all of their needs are evaluated by a



You may never know
whose lives
your gift touched.

But they appreciate it.

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Operation
Round Up

Neighbors helping
Neighbors!

professional social worker. Operation Round Up disburses a \$3,000 quarterly grant to Neighborhood House that is used to help qualified Cooperative members through a time of need.

Cooperative members outside of the Lubbock area can submit applications directly to the Operation Round Up board for review.

Operation Round Up is a "hand up"

for Cooperative members, not a "hand out." All of the funds come from SPEC members volunteering to participate in the program and stay in our local communities.

If you want to participate, just call our member service department at 806.775.7766. They can enroll you over the phone and give you more information about the program. †