

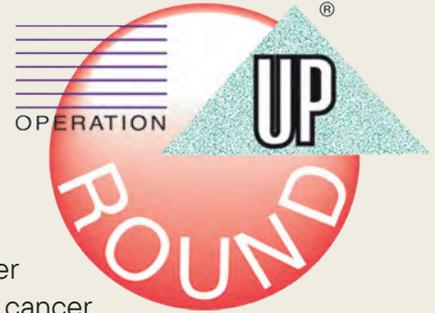
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WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER

We Make It Easy: Members Helping Members Effortlessly with Operation Round-Up

686 Families Helped with Over \$2.5 Million Disbursed to Assist WREC Members in Need!



Meet Margaret from Brooksville

Margaret is a widow who faced breast cancer and lost her husband in 2020. After beating cancer, she developed vascular necrosis which has led to three surgeries. Unable to work during her recovery, her family has helped financially. Recently, her water well started going dry, and she lacked the funds for a new one. Thanks to the generosity of our Members who contribute to Operation Round-Up we were able to get her a new well.

OPERATION ROUND-UP DISBURSEMENT \$12,000.00

Meet Barbara from Port Richey

Barbara and her daughter Patricia reached out to Operation Round-Up after Barbara, who has been suffering from multiple medical conditions and is reliant on oxygen 24/7, recently had a stroke. While in the hospital, their air conditioner broke. Patricia, who sustained severe brain injuries due to a car accident, is her mother's sole caregiver. Their doctor confirmed that replacing the air conditioner was vital for Barbara's health. Thanks to the generosity of our Members who participate in this worthwhile program, Barbara was able to get her air conditioner replaced.

OPERATION ROUND-UP DISBURSEMENT \$6,744.00



Energy Saving Tips

Landscaping is a cost-effective way to naturally cool your home. In shaded neighborhoods, temperatures can drop 3 to 6 degrees from unshaded ones. Plant trees for maximum shade and consider vines, shrubs, grasses, and hedges. When planting, ensure vegetation won't grow near power lines.

DID YOU KNOW?

IN 2023, WREC MAINTAINED A FLEET OF 345 VEHICLES, WHICH DROVE OVER 3 MILLION MILES IN 2023 ALONE.





OPERATION ROUND-UP HELPING Co-op FAMILIES \$2.5 million Disbursed to Date!

Since its inception in 1994, Operation Round-Up has helped families who have suffered catastrophic events due to no fault of their own. To date, the program has disbursed \$2,551,462.27 to help Members in need. This includes 13 families who received funds in the past 12 months totaling \$96,691.52

Unlike many other charities, every dollar that is donated to ORU is available for distribution.

This Program Would Not Be Successful Without The Generosity of Our Members.



For the Previous 12 Month Period Operation Round-Up has Helped 13 Families

Date	Last Name	Amount	Reason
8/19/2023	Breau	\$9,000.00	Cancer / Roof Replacement
8/30/2023	Stonebrook	\$7,400.00	Illness / Well
9/13/2023	Himes	\$6,150.00	Illness / A/C
9/13/2023	Woodson	\$3,160.05	Injured at work / Rent
8/10/2023	Leischner	\$9,750.00	Cancer / Mortgage
10/04/2023	Pia	\$5,082.00	Broken Shoulder / Rent
11/10/2023	Bonner	\$1,105.47	Lymphoma / Car Repair
11/17/2023	Burke	\$10,870.00	Breast Cancer / Roof Replacement
1/7/2024	Craven	\$7,700.00	Fall - Knee Surgery / Shower Replacement
2/21/2024	Sanchez	\$6,744.00	Stroke / A/C
3/15/2024	Putman	\$11,550.00	Cancer / New Well
3/18/2024	Martin	\$12,000.00	Mental - Physical Illness / Roof
5/6/2024	Stiltner	\$6,180.00	Osteoporosis / Interior House Panel

TOTAL: \$96,691.52

Operation Round-Up funds are contributions made by our Members who round up their bill to the nearest dollar, typically donating less than \$0.50 per month! These funds are dedicated to supporting local initiatives and community needs and are not used to cover electric bills. The program is overseen by a Board of Trustees representing the Cooperative's nine districts. Joining Operation Round-Up is straightforward! You have the option to sign up conveniently

How Does It Work?

Power Bill

Amount Due:
\$137.45

\$138.00

Average yearly contribution is \$6 per Member.

\$0.55 to your neighbor in need.

online by logging into your WREC account at wrec.net or through our WREC mobile app. You can also enroll by contacting your local WREC office. Your participation allows us to collectively make a meaningful impact in our community, supporting our fellow neighbors in need. Together, we can make a difference!

Join Operation Round-Up today and start making a difference in your community!



"Operation Round-Up is an easy and powerful way for our Members to help other Members in need. It's a small contribution that collectively makes a big difference in our communities."
-David B. Lambert II, WREC Executive Vice- President & General Manager

WREC Supports Citrus County Sheriff's Office

We're excited to share that WREC has donated \$10,000 to the Citrus County Sheriff's Foundation to help provide essential equipment, including radios, lighting, and sirens, for the marine unit on the boat 'Dauntless.' Due to budget constraints, this boat would not have been put into service as quickly without WREC's donation. By July alone, this newly equipped boat was crucial in 11 life-threatening rescues! Together, with the Citrus County's Sheriff's office, we're making a difference.



RESILIENCE AMIDST THE STORM: WREC'S RAPID RESPONSE TO HURRICANE DEBBY

On August 4th, Hurricane Debby brought significant challenges to our service area, causing both coastal and inland flooding. Despite these obstacles, WREC crews worked tirelessly to restore power to over 38,000 Members by the evening of August 5th, with only a few outages remaining. We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our employees for their exceptional dedication and hard work, and to our Members for their patience and understanding they displayed.

COOPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperation among Co-ops is a founding principle for WREC. When our partner Co-ops face challenges, WREC stands ready to assist. In August, Hurricane Debby caused widespread outages for our neighbors at Central Florida Electric Cooperative (CFEC). In response, WREC mobilized a team of 35 employees, including linemen, crew chiefs, mechanics, right-of-way personnel, and a line superintendent, to aid in the restoration of power for CFEC members. We are profoundly grateful for the unwavering commitment and hard work of our employees, who consistently exemplify their readiness to support others during critical times.



Streetlight Out?

To report an inoperative or malfunctioning streetlight, please call your local cooperative office, or log on to wrec.net and click on the 'Repair Street Light' button (or scan the QR code), then complete and submit the Street Light Repair Request Form. You can also download the WREC mobile app and request a street light repair.



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LOCAL WREC NUMBERS

PASCO: Billy E. Brown Corporate Center: 352-567-5133
One Pasco Center District Office: 352-588-5115
New Tampa/Wesley Chapel: 813-979-9732
Bayonet Point District Office: 727-868-9465
Land O' Lakes/Odessa: 813-972-9233
CITRUS: Crystal River District Office: 352-795-4382
Dunnellon: 352-489-6818
HERNANDO: West Hernando District Office: 352-596-4000
POLK: One Pasco Center District Office: 863-687-4396
SUMTER: Bushnell: 352-793-7813

Pet Electrical Safety Tips

To safeguard your pet outdoors, closely monitor their digging to prevent accidental contact with underground cables. Above all, take measures to deter them from digging near transformers.



WREC proudly supports Breast Cancer Awareness Month and is committed to the fight against cancer.



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