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JOIN OPERATION ROUND-UP  
TODAY AND SUPPORT  
MEMBERS HELPING MEMBERS!

# Connections

WREC MEMBER NEWSLETTER



**Operation Round-Up**  
**618 Families Helped with**  
**Over \$2 Million Disbursed to**  
**Help WREC Members in Need!**



**Operation Round-Up** provides assistance to Members in our community who, through no fault of their own, have suffered a catastrophic event. This program allows participating Members to have their energy bill rounded up to the nearest dollar. The difference is donated to **Operation Round-Up**. One hundred percent of the donations are used to help our Members. The average contribution is only fifty cents per month.

## See your donations at work...

Meet the **Lutzker family** from Wesley Chapel. Their daughter Hailee was taken to the emergency room six times in 2018 due to extreme headaches.

A CAT scan performed in November of 2018 revealed an abnormality. She was transferred to John Hopkins All Children's Hospital where she was diagnosed with Junior Ostracized Fibroma (a tumor on the brain). She underwent multiple surgeries: one surgery to remove the growth and replace the bone with titanium, and a second surgery to replace that with plates, screws, and mesh.

With high medical bills and the reduction of income caused by taking off work to care for their daughter, the Lutzker family fell behind on their rent. They recently received a 3-day eviction notice from their landlord.

They would have been homeless with no place to go without the help of your generous donations to this worthwhile program.

Hailee is now back home and recovering. Mr. Lutzker is working full-time again. Hailee depends on the support of her parents and continues with follow-up visits with her doctor. Thanks to **Operation Round-Up** and the Members who participate in this program, she can rest comfortably in her home as she continues to recuperate from this unfortunate situation.

The Lutzker family and WREC thanks everyone who participates in Operation Round-Up. If you do not currently participate, please consider joining this wonderful program to help a Member in need.

**You can be a part of this worthwhile program by filling out the cutoff portion on the back of this newsletter and mailing it with your bill or by calling your local WREC office.**

**For more information visit our website at: [www.wrec.net](http://www.wrec.net).**

## Co-op Families Need Your Help!

**By Joining Operation Round-Up and Simply Rounding Up Your Electric Bill To The Nearest Dollar, You Can Help!**



### OPERATION ROUND-UP Helping Co-op Families

**FOR THE PREVIOUS 12-MONTH PERIOD  
OPERATION ROUND-UP  
HAS HELPED 14 FAMILIES!**

**Fourteen More Reasons to Join! A total of 618 WREC Families Helped!  
The program has disbursed \$2,111,872.09!**

Date	Last Name	Amount	Reason
9/18/2018	Hodges	\$ 8,000.00	Illness / Roof
1/4/2019	Mayer	\$ 5,400.00	Illness / Rent to prevent eviction
1/10/2019	Luiz	\$ 3,110.00	Brain Cancer / Motorized Wheelchair
1/31/2019	Mclaac	\$ 2,865.00	Illness / Septic
2/14/2019	Burke	\$ 5,935.00	Illness / Roof
2/21/2019	Bowen-Manness	\$ 1,600.00	Husband passed away / Electrical panel up to code
3/1/2019	Vietmeyer	\$10,000.00	Illness / Roof
3/25/2019	Torres	\$ 1,300.00	Husband passes away / rent to prevent eviction
4/1/2019	Korchan	\$ 3,900.00	Stroke / rent to prevent eviction
4/1/2019	Marrero	\$ 2,223.51	Illness / Mortgage to prevent foreclosure
5/22/2019	Burton	\$ 6,180.23	Knee surgery / mortgage to prevent foreclosure
6/10/2019	Tiesmeyer	\$ 5,519.00	Cancer / A/C
6/29/2019	Lutzker	\$ 8,040.28	Daughter brain surgery / Rent to prevent eviction
7/22/2019	Knox	\$ 670.00	Cancer / Breaker Box Repair to restore power

**TOTAL: \$64,743.02**

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

Since its inception in 1994, Operation Round-Up has helped 618 families who have suffered catastrophic events. To date, the program has disbursed \$2,111,872.09 to help Members in need. This includes 14 families who received funds over the recent 12-month period totaling \$64,743.02.

**This Program Would Not Be  
Successful Without The  
Generosity Of Our Members!**

Operation Round-Up funds are used to help families who have suffered catastrophic events, and Members usually pay less than 50¢ per month! Funds are not used to pay electric bills. Operation Round-Up is governed by a Board of Trustees from the Cooperative's nine districts.

**Joining is easy!** Complete the form below and return it with your electric bill payment, drop off at your local WREC office, mail to the address below, visit us on-line at: [www.WREC.net](http://www.WREC.net), or call your local WREC office and ask to be included in this worthwhile program.

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



**WREC  
Neighbors  
Helping  
Neighbors**

**Yes!** I am interested in participating in Operation Round-Up!  
**Please include me in this worthwhile program!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Account # \_\_\_\_\_

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**To Report An Inoperative Or Malfunctioning Street Light,**  
please call your local Cooperative Office, **OR**, you may also log on to [www.wrec.net](http://www.wrec.net) and click on the **Repair Street Light button**, then complete and submit the **Street Light Repair Request Form**, or you can download the **SmartHub app** and request a street light repair.

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Your Board of Trustees meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Corporate Office in Dade City to conduct the business of the Cooperative and its' subsidiaries.

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