

OPERATION ROUND UP



Your spare change
can change lives...



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What is Operation Round Up?

Operations round up is a community service program that provides funding for charitable and benevolent purposes for individuals, families and organizations in our community.

This program allows Paulding Putnam Electric members the opportunity to make a big impact on many lives for just pennies!



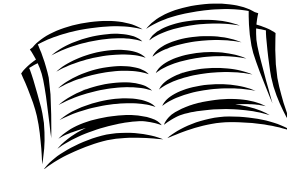
This program is adopted by hundreds of electric cooperatives throughout the country, and it “rounds up” your monthly bill to the next highest dollar. So, a \$64.79 electric bill would be \$65.00 with the remaining 21 cents going to the Operation Round Up program.

For the average customer, that equates to about 50 cents a month or about \$6.00 per year. Any money going to Operation Round Up is tax deductible.

When did Operation Round Up begin?

In July 2010, Paulding Putnam Electric Cooperative started the Operation Round Up program. As funds become available, the members of Paulding Putnam Electric service territory will start seeing how this will benefit our community.

Applications will be accepted and funds will be distributed to non-profit charitable organizations. The remaining funds are in an interest-bearing account to be used for future requests and emergencies.



Please watch for articles in *Country Living* magazine for more information. We thank you for participating in this important community program and applaud your efforts to help make our community a better place to live for our children, families, neighbors and friends.

What are the funds used for?

Funds may go to help the fire department obtain critical lifesaving equipment, or to rescue organizations, food banks, educational projects, child care programs and many, many others. Funding may also be used to provide shelter and clothing to a family devastated by a fire, or it might go toward helping defray the medical costs of a neighbor with a catastrophic illness. The need is **great** and we can only imagine all the possibilities.

Who manages the program?

Operation Round Up is managed by the Paulding Putnam Electric Trust, a nonprofit trust. The Trust is governed by a five member board. The board is comprised of members from throughout our service territory. One from Paulding county, one from Putnam county, one from Van Wert county and two from Indiana. Each member volunteers their time and skills to help manage this important program.

How is the funding distributed?

The Trust board decides who receives distributed funds based upon program guidelines. Funding can go to organizations, families and individuals, but completion of an application is required for the board's review.



The program isn't meant to replace any currently existing sources of funds and it isn't meant to pay anyone's overdue bills. It is meant to help organizations and agencies offer new programs and services that are badly needed in our community and individuals in dire circumstances.

Why should I participate in Operation Round Up?

Your pennies, nickels and dimes can help raise thousands of dollars a year that will be used to help people right here in your community. Catastrophic illness or tragedy can strike anyone – anywhere – at any time. Wouldn't it be wonderful to help your neighbors when they need it the most? You can be part of that for just pennies a month!

How can I be a part of Operation Round Up?

All Paulding-Putnam Electric Cooperative members are automatically enrolled in the program. If you do not wish to participate in this program just call our Member Services Representative at 419-399-5015 or toll-free 800-686-2357. However, as you become aware of the benefits you can “opt in” to the program.

The success of this program depends upon your participation and we hope you will believe in the values of this program as much as we do.