

Bartholomew County REMC ***Operation RoundUp 2009*** *(Annual report)*



Giving back

Throughout the year, your pennies can raise thousands of dollars to help health and rescue organizations, food banks, educational projects, child care programs, as well as individuals with special needs in your community.

Bartholomew County REMC

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Commitment to community

Bartholomew County Rural Electric Membership Corporation, headquartered in Columbus, Indiana, is a member-owned electric power cooperative that supplies electricity to more than 10,000 members in Bartholomew County and portions of Jennings, Decatur and Jackson counties.

Owned and governed by the people it serves, the REMC is a Touchstone Energy cooperative, and a member of the Hoosier Energy Power Network.

Touchstone Energy is a nationwide alliance of electric cooperatives, which are preferred energy providers, maintaining high standards and strong ties to the consumer and the community. Bartholomew County REMC and other Touchstone Energy cooperatives demonstrate their core values of commitment to community, accountability, integrity and innovation through programs such as Operation RoundUp.

Member support leads to successful program

Since 1997, Operation RoundUp has provided grants to help individuals, as well as organizations, in communities in Bartholomew County REMC's service territory.

Bartholomew REMC Membership Community Trust, Inc. oversees Operation RoundUp, a voluntary initiative, allowing REMC members to pool resources to better help those in need by rounding up their electric

2009 Operation RoundUp Board of Trustees

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bills to the nearest dollar.

Operation RoundUp funds will not be used to pay electric bills nor

will they be used for political contributions.

The program's success relies on members' support and the dedication of the Bartholomew County REMC Membership Community Fund's Board of Trustees. Seven volunteers from the Bartholomew County area make up the Community Fund Board of Trustees. The Trustees' primary duty is to evaluate applications and determine how to best distribute the money.



Operation RoundUp at a glance

Grants awarded year-to-date for the program total:

\$482,686

During the year, grants for the program totaled:

\$41,350

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Connected Community Partnership - \$1,000

A grant was awarded to the Connected Community Partnership for its Tech ReConnect Program. This program receives donations of computers from individuals and businesses, refurbishes the computers and donates them to less fortunate students in Bartholomew County.

Childhood Connections - \$200

The Trust awarded Childhood Connections with monies for their Festival of the Young Child. This event brings together many agencies and programs that encourage quality development and positive growth in children.

Columbus Park Foundation - \$750

A grant was awarded to the Columbus Park Foundation for its Summer Playground program. The free, nine week program strives to teach teamwork, anti-bullying, healthy play and eating through activities and serves as a partner with the Federal School Lunch program during the summer.

Geneva Recreation Center – Jennings County - \$2,600

The Trust awarded the Geneva Recreation Center funds for playground equipment for its park.

Bartholomew County Humane Society - \$1,800

The Trust awarded the Bartholomew County Humane Society with monies for emergency veterinary medicines. The Humane Society was hard hit with the flood of 2008 and economic downturn in 2009, which resulted in many more animals needing care.

Advocates for Children - \$5,000

A grant was awarded to Advocates for Children for its Developmental Assets project. This program for abused and neglected children will provide opportunities to allow these children to have experiences like normal children – music lessons, playing on sports teams, etc.

Trails of Hope - \$500

The Trust awarded monies to Trails of Hope for sensory riding toys. These toys help disabled clients to expand their senses while doing therapeutic riding.





Operation RoundUp fast-facts

■ Approximately 70 percent of Bartholomew County REMC members contribute to the fund.

■ From January to December, REMC members contributed \$38,761 to help 15 area organizations.

■ Grants totaling \$41,350 were distributed through the year.

■ Remaining in the fund at the end of the year is \$11,647. These funds will be carried over into 2010 for future grants.

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Columbus Area Arts Council - \$4,000

A grant was awarded to The Columbus Area Arts Council for drop over cable protectors, which cover power and other cords for equipment at community and major events, while making walkways safer.

Turning Point - \$3,000

A grant was awarded to Turning Point for its new Transitional Housing program. This program will provide long-term housing for up to 24 months for families who are breaking free of violence and in need of continued program support.

Bartholomew County Cheer Fund - \$3,500

A grant was made to the 2009 Fireman's Cheer Fund.

Geneva Township Fire Department Cheer Fund - \$2,000

A grant was made to the 2009 Fireman's Cheer Fund.

Jennings County Trustee Food Bank - \$3,000

A grant was made to their 2009 Food Bank.

Hope Food Bank - \$3,000

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Love Chapel - \$3,500

A grant was made to their 2009 Food Bank.

United Way of Bartholomew County – \$7,500

A grant was made to their fire recovery effort.