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Operation Round Up contributions help break the cycle of violence in our area

BOURBON – Life-saving services and resources provided by Russell House are made available to our communities, partly by donations from Crawford Electric's Operation Round Up program.

Russell House is a local non-profit organization that provides services to domestic and sexual violence survivors and increases community safety in Phelps, Crawford, Dent, and Maries counties. In early December, the Operation Round Up board continued a tradition and donated \$1,000 to Russell House to help fund services such as shelters, hospital advocacy, court/legal advocacy, safety planning and counseling.

Operation Round Up is the flagship program of the Crawford Electric Charitable Trust. It's a member-supported program that helps fellow co-op members in times of crisis or need. More than 7,000 Crawford Electric consumer-members currently support Operation Round Up by allowing the co-op to round up their monthly electric bills. Last year, individuals and local organizations received more than \$70,000 in donations. A volunteer board of directors of nine Crawford Electric members meets monthly to review applications for assistance.

Starting in 2003, Operation Round Up has donated \$12,100 to Russell House on a somewhat annual basis.

"I originally suggested donating to Russell House years ago because of the critical work you do. I am so happy we can continue to contribute this year," said Janet McLain, Operation Round Up board member, when delivering the donation to Russell House staffers Katie Croker and Shelley Swearingin.

Just last year, Russell House served 428 survivors, 60 of whom were Crawford County residents. Additionally, staff answered over 1,000 crisis calls and provided over 5,000 shelter-bed nights to those seeking refuge.

Crawford Electric consumer-members who want to support the mission of Operation Round Up should contact the co-op to sign up. Members may call 800-677-2667 or visit Crawfordelec.com>My Cooperative>Operation Round Up.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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Operation Round Up's Charitable Trust Board presents a grant to Russell House at the non-profit's community outreach building in Steelville.