



SMALL CHANGE. BIG IMPACT.

Operation RoundUp® is a voluntary charitable program that gives SEI REMC members a simple way to support local communities. By rounding each monthly electric bill up to the nearest dollar, small amounts of spare change are collected and placed into a dedicated fund for community support.

Those dollars add up to powerful impact. Grants from Operation RoundUp® are awarded to nonprofit organizations that serve communities within the Southeastern Indiana REMC service area, helping fund programs that strengthen families, support youth, honor veterans, and improve quality of life across our region.

Since 1939, SEI REMC has remained committed to investing in the communities we serve. Operation RoundUp® continues that tradition by turning everyday change into meaningful local support — proving that when members come together, even the smallest contributions can make a lasting difference.

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CHARITABLE PROJECTS

Honoring Local Heroes:

Wreaths Across America in Ripley County

Each December, Ripley County joins communities across the nation in the Wreaths Across America tradition — a powerful tribute built on three simple words: **Remember. Honor. Teach.** Volunteers gather to lay evergreen wreaths on the graves of local veterans, ensuring their service and sacrifice are never forgotten.

Across cemeteries such as St. Paul Lutheran, Cliff Hill, St. Charles Catholic, and many smaller resting places, community members of all ages come together for a shared purpose. The wreaths themselves carry rich symbolism: the evergreen for everlasting life, the circular shape for unending gratitude, and the red bow for courage.

Before wreaths are placed, many locations hold brief ceremonies that include the reading of names, a moment of silence, or a salute from local veterans' groups. These traditions remind us that behind every headstone is a story — a life marked by service, dedication, and love of country.

Youth involvement is an especially meaningful part of Ripley County's efforts. Scouts, church groups, and students participate each year, learning firsthand the importance of honoring veterans. Through these simple but powerful moments, young people gain a deeper understanding of citizenship and community responsibility.

This local tradition is strengthened in part by Operation RoundUp®, which has supported Ripley County's Wreaths Across America volunteers through past grants. Thanks to the generosity of SEI REMC members who round up their bills, more wreaths reach more veterans' graves each year — a meaningful reminder of how small contributions can create lasting impact.

Wreaths Across America is more than a December event. It is a reflection of the gratitude, respect, and unity that define our communities. SEI REMC is proud to recognize and support the volunteers who make this tribute possible and to honor the heroes who served our nation with courage and devotion.

[Ripley County Community Foundation](http://RipleyCountyCommunityFoundation)

