

ORU grants provide boost to local groups

Thanks to the Operation Round Up® program, powered by voluntary donations from Central Electric members, \$28,000 is being put back into the local communities to provide assistance for worthy projects. Grants were awarded to the following nonprofit organizations:

Chatham Drug Free – \$3,000 to help cover costs for the Recovery Celebration to celebrate individuals who have recovered from substance abuse.

Harnett County Partnership for Children – \$3,000 for the Baby Steps Program that seeks to assist families with the health and safety for children in the home.

Helping Hand Clinic – \$3,000 to help purchase supplies and for treatment programs.

Hispanic Liason of Chatham County – \$3,000 for the Community Empowerment Program.

Johnsonville Ruritan Club – \$1,670 to help with improvements to the Johnsonville Veterans Memorial.

Lee County High School Guidance Dept. – \$3,000 to help with supplies for the department, including books, resources and promotional items to help serve students at the school.



The \$3,000 grant recently provided to the Helping Hand Clinic will be used to help the organization purchase supplies as well as administer mental and behavioral treatment programs to underserved and uninsured residents in Lee County.

Old Gilliam Mill Park – \$3,000 to help maintain the park, including removal of trees that are endangering the mill.

Salvation Army Chatham County – \$3,000 to assist Chatham County residents with past due utility bills.

The Veteran's Farm of N.C. – \$3,000 to be used to enroll veterans in classes to help develop their skills.

Union Taylor's Community Action – \$3,000 to help fund improvements to the community center.