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Operation Round Up

Alyssa Clemesen Roberts, CEO

As 2021 came to an end, I hope you were left with a deep sense of gratitude for all of life's blessings. For many in our community who may be struggling with personal or financial challenges, that is easier said than done. In the new year, I encourage you to pay your blessings forward to those who may be less fortunate and I invite you to partner with DMEA by signing up for Operation Round Up.

What is Operation Round Up?

When you participate in Operation Round Up through DMEA, your monthly electric bill is automatically rounded up to the nearest dollar. However, members can choose to increase their monthly contributions to this charitable fund for any amount they wish.

The Operation Round Up Trust is made up of volunteer members from across the service territory. They meet monthly to review applications and distribute funds to individuals and charitable organizations based on need and community impact.

How does Operation Round Up benefit our community?

While the average individual monthly contribution is just under \$0.50/month, collectively your donations have consistently raised almost \$60,000 annually. Your spare change has a big impact in the lives of our friends and

neighbors in need. Operation Round Up funds have been donated to everything from medical bills to service animals to feeding the homeless.

How can you contribute?

DMEA members can contribute to Operation Round Up by simply rounding up their monthly electric bill or by serving on the Operation Round Up Charitable Trust. To enroll your account or learn more about serving as an Operation Round Up trustee, visit www.dmea.com/operation-round.

Make your spare change worth more

Not only is Operation Round Up an easy and convenient way for DMEA members to make a real difference in their communities, for a limited time DMEA will contribute \$5 to the Trust for every new Operation Round Up enrollment from now until February 28, 2022. As a bonus, if 500 new DMEA members enroll in Operation Round Up, by that same date, we will raffle off five \$100 VISA cards to all those who round up in recognition of our members' gratitude.

Decide to contribute today!

Pay it forward in 2022, by turning your spare change into real change in the lives our community members. Thank you to all our members who have already decided to round up! Your contributions have made all the difference to so many across our communities.

Start rounding up today at www.dmea.com/operation-round or return the stub below with your payment.

Name (as shown on your bill) _____

Account # (if known) _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Service Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Round up amount:

Round up to the nearest dollar

Round my bill up, plus add \$1

Round my bill up, plus add \$ _____

Signature _____

Date _____

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THOUSAND reasons to celebrate!

On August 31, 2016, Elevate connected its very first customer and on August 31, 2021 Elevate connected its 10,000th customer. To celebrate this major milestone, we chose to recognize the importance of community support, donating \$10,000 back to those local citizens who significantly contributed to our success.

“Our team agreed; we needed to meaningfully thank the community members who were constantly by our side and supporting us over the years. As a staff, we nominated people from our communities who were instrumental in helping Elevate grow. We narrowed the field to ten champions by vote and surprised each of them with a \$1,000 donation.”

-Kent Blackwell, Elevate Chief Technology Officer

To all of the folks out there who have been part of Elevate, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. We wouldn't be celebrating this important milestone without each and every one of you. Cheers to 10,000 more!

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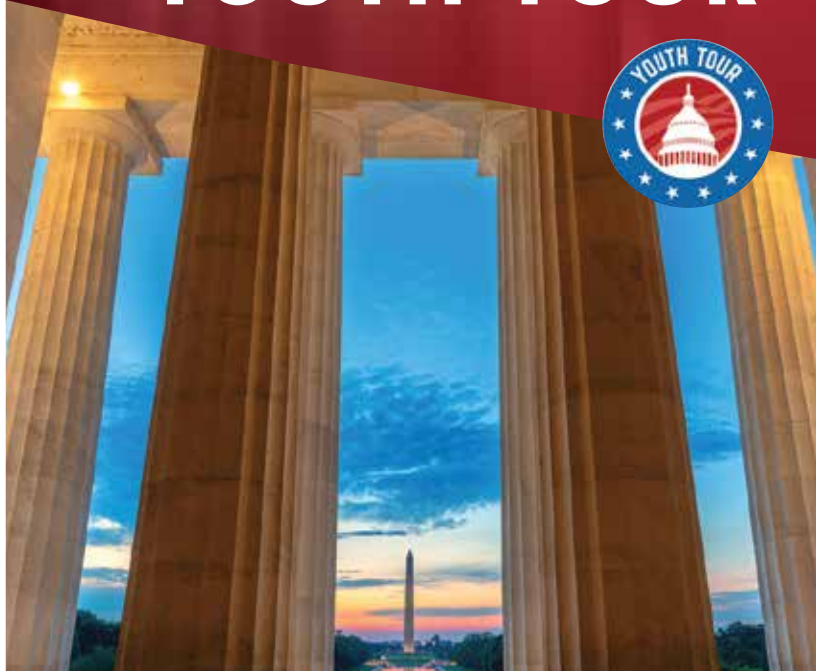
Best. Summer. Ever.

Designed just for high school students, Youth Tour takes teens out of their small communities for a weeklong adventure in Washington D.C. The participants get a deep dive into the U.S. government, the cooperative industry, and a chance to explore all the museums, memorials, and monuments of Washington D.C. And, best of all, it's all FREE!

If your teen is looking for a summer adventure a little closer to home, check out DMEA's Cooperative Youth Leadership Camp. Campers will enjoy a weeklong adventure in the mountains near Steamboat Springs, CO. Here, campers dig into what makes co-ops tick by creating their very own cooperative business. Plus, they'll participate in hands-on leadership activities, raft the Little Colorado River, enjoy a day in Steamboat Springs, and tour a coal mine and power plant. And yes, this trip is FREE too!

Both summer adventures are a great opportunity for your teen to experience a world outside our local communities while they build lifelong leadership skills.

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DMEA COOKS!

Featuring favorite recipes from our DMEA family

Easy Sweet Potato Curry

Laura Sanders, Marketing & Communications Specialist



Ingredients:

1/2 tbsp olive oil
1 medium white onion, diced
4 cloves garlic, minced
1 large sweet potato, peeled and cubed
2 tbsp yellow curry powder
1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
3/4 tsp sea salt
Black pepper to taste
3 c coconut milk

Garnish:

Cilantro leaves
Squeeze of fresh lime

Directions:

in a large pot over medium heat, sauté onion in olive oil. Cook for a few minutes and then add garlic and stir. Season with 1/4 tsp each salt and pepper and stir.

Add sweet potatoes, curry powder, and cayenne pepper. Cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add coconut milk and cover.

Bring to a simmer and reduce heat to low. Simmer for 25 minutes more. Taste and adjust seasonings as needed. Puree using an immersion or regular blender. Transfer back to the pot if needed and keep heat on low until ready to serve.

Garnish with cilantro and a fresh lime juice. Serve over rice or quinoa.

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