For just pennies a month, the power of our members joining together is making a huge impact on our community. Thanks to our participating members for allowing their bills to be rounded-up each month to the nearest dollar. Since the beginning of the program in January of 2002, more than $620,000 has been given back to our community. The money has been used by organizations who serve all sectors of our community; youth, seniors, young families, and everyone in-between.

The following organizations received Operation Round Up funds:

LaGrange County Department of Parks & Recreation received $3,000 to purchase playing disks and door prizes for their “LaGrange County Connecting with Youth” event on August 6 at Delt Church Park.

The Girl Scouts of Northern Indiana-Michiana received $2,000 to be used for financial assistance for low-income families and to help support the Girl Scouts Leadership Experience (GSLE). The GSLE builds skills in four key areas: (1) Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), (2) the outdoors, (3) life skills, and (4) entrepreneurship.

McMillen Health received $2,500 to provide 10 preventive health education programming sessions to LaGrange County youth in grades preschool- 12. McMillen Health’s program objectives include helping youth develop knowledge, attitudes, and new skills for making healthy choices that facilitate a successful transition into adulthood.

Photo caption: McMillen Health presents a ‘Be Wiser’ program at Meadowview Elementary School last spring.