# Rock Ranch Awarded Operation Round Up Funds

Rock Ranch strives to make a difference in the lives of others through therapeutic horsemanship, riding lessons, senior programming and mental health counseling.

"Rock Ranch provides opportunities for persons to improve themselves physically, cognitively, socially and psychologically while learning the art and skills of horsemanship in a Christ-filled setting," said Dan and Marie LaRock, founders of Rock Ranch.

The ranch, located near Hills, Minn., continues to grow and is working to provide programming year round. They are currently raising funds for the construction of a new facility in 2020. Details on the construction process can be found here: http://www.riderockranch.org/rock-ranch-arena

A total of $2,000 was provided to Rock Ranch in the last two years. A $1,000 grant helped provide scholarships to allow children to take part in programming regardless of their ability to pay. They also received another $1,000 from SVEs Operation Round Up fund for a program that focuses on senior citizens.

"We strive to provide heavily discounted opportunities for area residents of assisted living centers to come to Rock Ranch and enjoy time with our horses and rural acreage. We have hosted several centers this summer and nearly 50 residents. This is a program we will see used in increasing numbers in 2020," said Dan and Marie LaRock.

For more information on Rock Ranch, its programs and services, log on to: www.riderockranch.org.

Since the year 2000, more than $1.7-Million in Operation Round Up grants has been donated to worthy causes throughout the Sioux Valley Energy service territory. The concept is easy, participating SVE members agree to have their electric bill rounded up to the next highest dollar and those funds are collected for Operation Round Up. Some Sioux Valley Energy employees also help by deducting a small amount from their paychecks. More than 85 percent of members and employees take part. Log on to https://www.siouxvalleyenergy.com/my-community/operation-roundup to learn more.