



News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$51,000 TO HELP LOCAL ORAGNIZATIONS

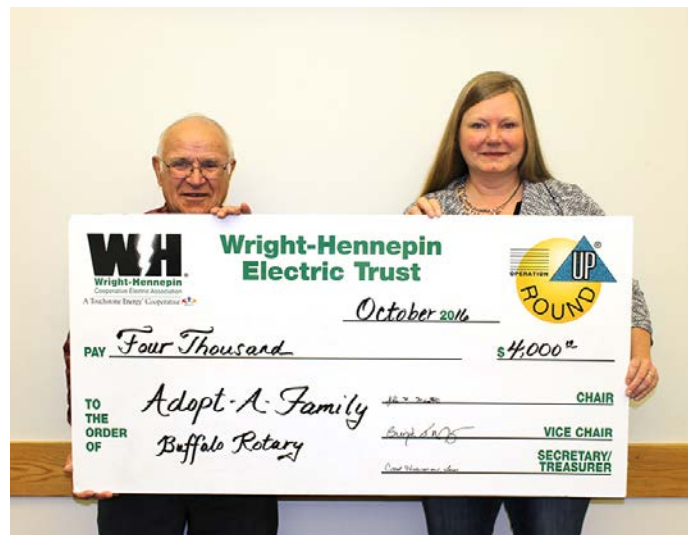
Rockford, MN (November 14, 2016) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$51,900 in October of 2016.

ORU participants allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar. The rounded amount is then used for donations to fund local programs. More than 80 percent of WH's members participate in the ORU program. ORU's board manages the generated money, which is held in a trust fund. Through a selection process and review of guidelines, the board evaluates funding requests on a bimonthly basis.

The ORU trust board approved the following donations on behalf of WH members for October 2016:

- **\$4,000, Adopt a Family - Buffalo Rotary**, Funds to provide coats and boots for children in need.
- **\$500, Ambassador Company**, funds to support “My Favorite “Book” distribution to local school and church programs.
- **\$3,000, Annandale Youth First, Inc.**, funds to provide student-to-student mentorship programs.
- **\$5,000, Community Toys for Tots**, funds to purchase toys and gifts for children.
- **\$5,000, Crisis Nursery Wright County**, funds to support crisis nursery in Wright County.
- **\$3,000, EquipALife**, funds to assist people with disabilities.

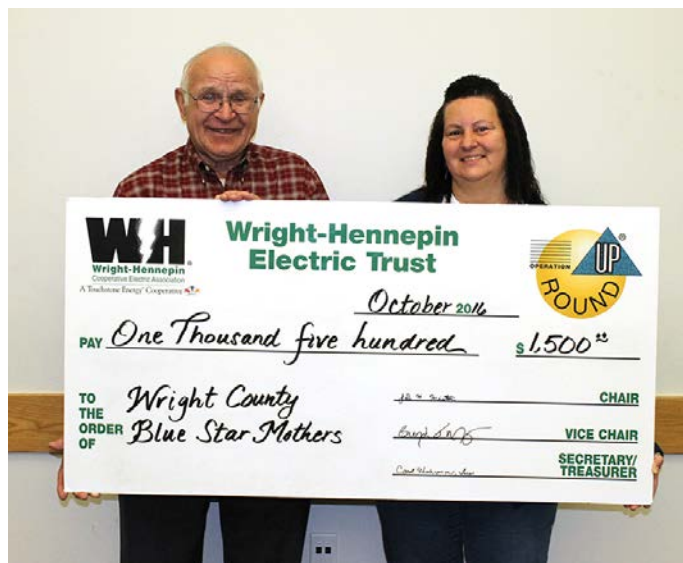
- **\$1,500, French Lake Sunshine Club**, funds to support local outreach, assist families in need and celebrate residents' birthday at Annandale Care Center.
- **\$3,000, Hammer Residences, Inc.**, funds for the Quality of Life Fund.
- **\$800, Monticello Special Olympics**, funds to offset expenses for facilities, equipment, uniforms and competitions.
- **\$700, North Hennepin Pioneer Society**, funds to repair and paint one room school house in Corcoran.
- **\$1,000, Our Brother's Keeper**, funds to purchase supplies to make bedrolls for homeless.
- **\$5,000, Second Chance for Life Foundation**, funds to assist patients in need of heart transplant expenses.
- **\$5,000, Toys for Tots Buffalo**, funds to purchase toys and gifts for children.
- **\$10,000, True Friends**, funds to install central air conditioning in Eagle cabin at Camp Friendship.
- **\$400, True Friends Camp Friendship Auxiliary**, funds to offset dinner costs for Auxiliary fundraiser.
- **\$1,500, Wright County Blue Star Mothers**, funds to defray costs of shipping packages to deployed military personnel.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Adopt-A-Family through the Buffalo Rotary in the amount of \$4,000 to provide coats and boots for children in need. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Rotarian Sally Stevens.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Annandale Youth First, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000 to provide student-to-student mentorship programs. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Coordinator Mary Brown.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Wright County Blue Star Mothers in the amount of \$1,500 to defray costs of shipping packages to deployed military personnel. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to President Jen Pecarina.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Crisis Nursery serving Wright County in the amount of \$5,000 to support Crisis Nursery in Wright County. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Development and Communications Coordinator Alison Sherman.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to EquipALife in the amount of \$3,000 to assist people with disabilities. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to CEO Carol Fury Fistman.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the French Lake Sunshine Club in the amount of \$1,500 to support local outreach, assist families in need and celebrate residents' birthday at Annandale Care Center. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Frieda Gunderson.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Hammer Residences, Inc. in the amount of \$3,000 for the Quality of Life Fund. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Director of Major Gifts Angela Bernhardt.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Monticello Special Olympics in the amount of \$800 to offset expenses for facilities, equipment, uniforms and competitions.

ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Mike Miesen.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the North Hennepin Pioneer Society in the amount of \$700 to repair and paint a one room school house in Corcoran. ORU Board

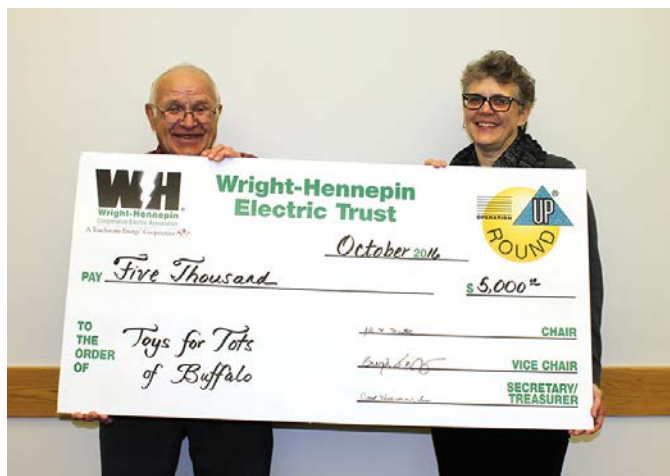
Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to President Bonnie Maue.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Our Brother's Keeper in the amount of \$1,000 to purchase supplies to make bedrolls for the homeless. ORU Board Chair John Meister (third from left) presented the award to, from left: Arlene Lesser, Marlene Barthel, Claire Solien, Jeanette Hermansen, and Mary Nelson.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the Second Chance for Life Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to assist patients in need of a heart transplant with expenses. ORU Board Chair John Meister (center) presented the grant to Treasurer Don Weber (left) and President Joel Heckman.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Toys for Tots of Buffalo in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase toys and gifts for children. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Coordinator Jean Carlson.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to True Friends in the amount of \$10,000 to install central air conditioning in Eagle cabin at Camp Friendship. ORU Board Chair John Meister (center) presented the grant to Grants Coordinator Mar Betch Schleif (left) and Donor Relations Specialist Kelly Weller.

For those interested in applying for funds, fill out an application. To receive an application and to see what types of activities Operation Round Up supports – visit WH’s

website at <http://goo.gl/ZkLMQr>, send an email to oru@whe.org, or call Lisa and leave a message at (763) 477-3000 extension 6126.

Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association is a member-owned, not-for-profit electric utility that provides power to rural Wright County and western Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen to the area since 1937 and currently serves more than 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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