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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$45,000 TO HELP LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rockford, MN (January 18, 2017) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$45,738.62 in January of 2017.

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 January 2017:

- **\$3,000, Angel Bears of Hope**, funds to support the gift of an Angel Bear to children and adults with life-threatening diseases.
- **\$3,000, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities**, funds to support "Voyageur," an environmental camp located in Mound, Minn.
- **\$6,000, Can Do Canines**, funds to provide assistance dogs free of charge to clients.
- **\$7,500, Children's Home Society and Family Services**, funds to support adoption programs.
- **\$1,100, Confidence Learning Center**, funds to provide scholarship assistance for campers with disabilities.

- **\$2,000, FYCC**, funds to support the “In the Know” series to promote mental health in the community.
- **\$7,500, Hartley’s Safe House**, funds to support a battered women’s shelter.
- **\$700, Hassan Area Historical Society**, funds to update technology and software to bring museum’s archival system up to date.
- **\$200, Maple Grove All-Night Grad Party**, funds to support all-night, drug-free party.
- **\$1,065.92, Noah’s Ark Preschool**, funds to purchase die-cut machines and die-cuts for teacher use.
- **\$200, Osseo Senior All-Night Grad Party**, funds to support all-night, drug-free party.
- **\$2,000, Relate Counseling Center**, funds to support answering service and on-call counselors.
- **\$600, Summer Food Service Program ISD 877**, funds to support summer event program.
- **\$200, STMA All-Night Grad Party**, funds to support an all-night, drug-free party.
- **\$10,000, WeCAN**, funds to assist needy with emergency assistance.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Angel Bears of Hope in the amount of \$3,000 to support the gift of an Angel Bear to children and adults with life-threatening diseases. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Minnesota Coordinator Sara Mower.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities in the amount of \$3,000 to support “Voyager,” an environmental camp located in

Mound, Minn. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Director of the Voyageur Environmental Center Keith Henslin.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Can Do Canines in the amount of \$6,000 to provide assistance dogs free of charge to clients. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Development Associate Winona Schultz (center, and Service Dog Trainee Willa.



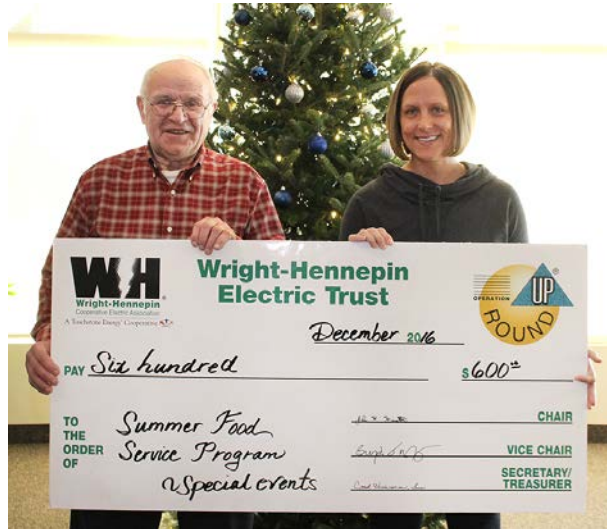
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Hartley's Safe House in the amount of \$7,500 to support a battered women's shelter. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Executive Director Mel Gray (center) and Volunteer Barbara B.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Hassan Area Historical Society in the amount of \$700 to update technology and software for the museum's archival system. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Board Member Roger Rosenquist (center) and Executive Director Karen McCrossan (right).



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Relate Counseling Center in the amount of \$2,000 to support an answering service and on-call counselors. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to Executive Director David Senior.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Summer Food Service Program ISD 877 in the amount of \$600 to support a summer event program. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) presented the grant to District Food Service Secretary Allison Barkley.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to WeCAN in the amount of \$10,000 to assist the needy with emergency assistance. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left)

presented the grant to Executive Director Christie Larson (center) and Board Chair Linda Blakstvedt (right).

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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