



## News Release

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### **WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$32,000 TO HELP LOCAL ORAGNIZATIONS**

**Rockford, MN (July 26, 2017)** — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$32,256 in June 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 85 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 June 2017:

- **\$10,000, Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County**, funds to support an energy assistance program
- **\$3,744, Homeward Bound**, funds to send four developmentally disabled people to summer camp
- **\$2,500, Rise**, funds to develop employment opportunities for people with disabilities
- **\$5,000, RiverWorks Community Development**, funds for the Lunch Box Fever program
- **\$1,012, Shepherd's Care Christian Daycare**, funds to purchase new area rugs for each of the six classrooms

- **\$10,000 True Friends**, Funds to build a wheelchair accessible boardwalk at Camp Courage to provide access to a 21-acre wetland rookery

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 <https://goo.gl/Sk89XR>, send an email to [oru@whe.org](mailto: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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