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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$25,000 TO LOCAL ORAGNIZATIONS

Rockford, MN (May 19, 2017) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$25,337 in April 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.

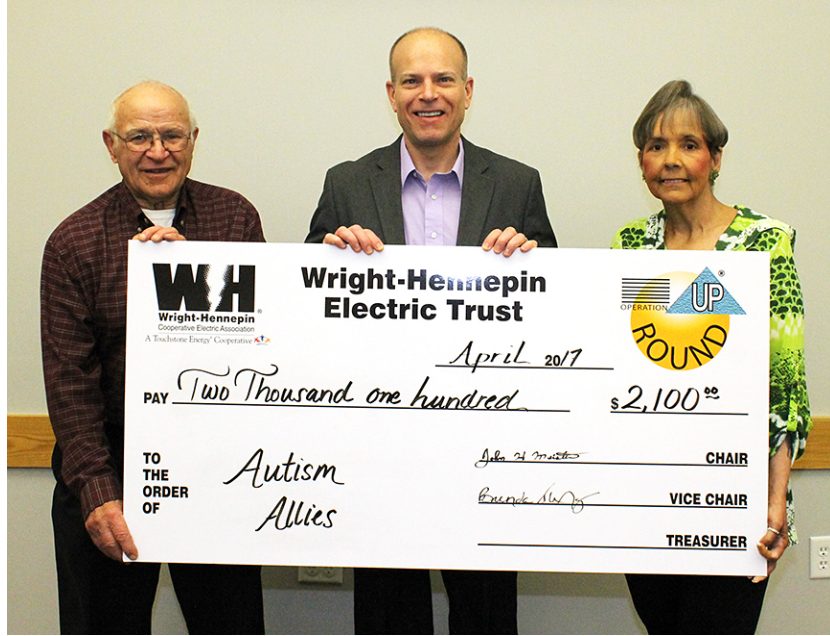
The ORU trust board approved the following donations on behalf of WH members for April 2017:

- **\$500, Angel Quilters**, funds to purchase fiber-fill and machine repairs
- **\$2,100, Autism Allies**, funds to support an annual resource fair
- **\$5,000, Cokato Charitable Trust**, funds to replace flooring and a bath tub
- **\$3,500, Courage Kenny Foundation**, funds to support full and partial scholarships for children with disabilities
- **\$5,000, Crisis Nursery**, funds to support crisis nursery in Wright County
- **\$3,000, Elim Care: Community Health Foundation of Wright County**, funds to support Lakeside Oasis hospice center by purchasing a blanket warming cabinet and two lift recliners
- **\$1,000, Fishing Clinics For Kids**, funds to support Clinic prizes

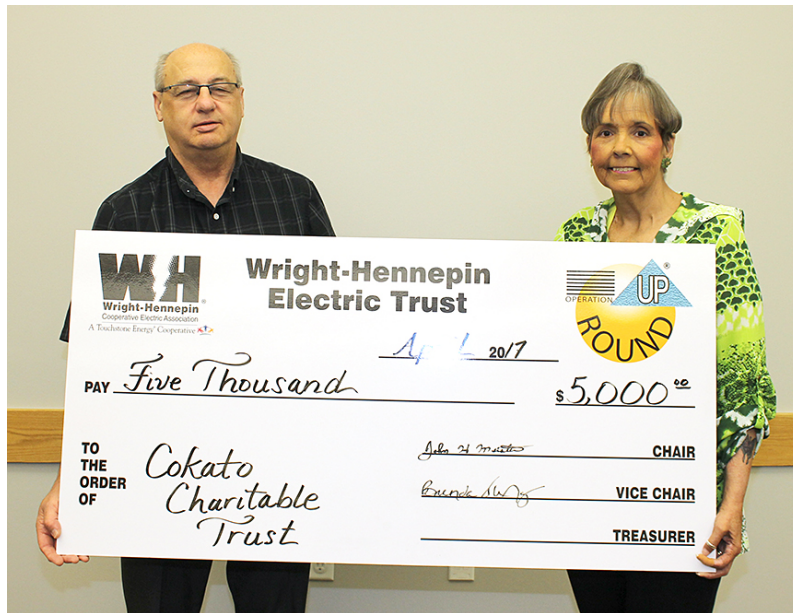
- **\$77, Rejoice Lutheran Church**, funds to purchase metal shelving unit to store food supplies for a backpack program for students at Clearview Elementary School
- **\$5,000, Rivers of Hope**, funds to support the safe house for families experiencing domestic violence
- **\$160, St. Michael-Albertville High School**, funds to purchase a set of Kill-A-Watt meters



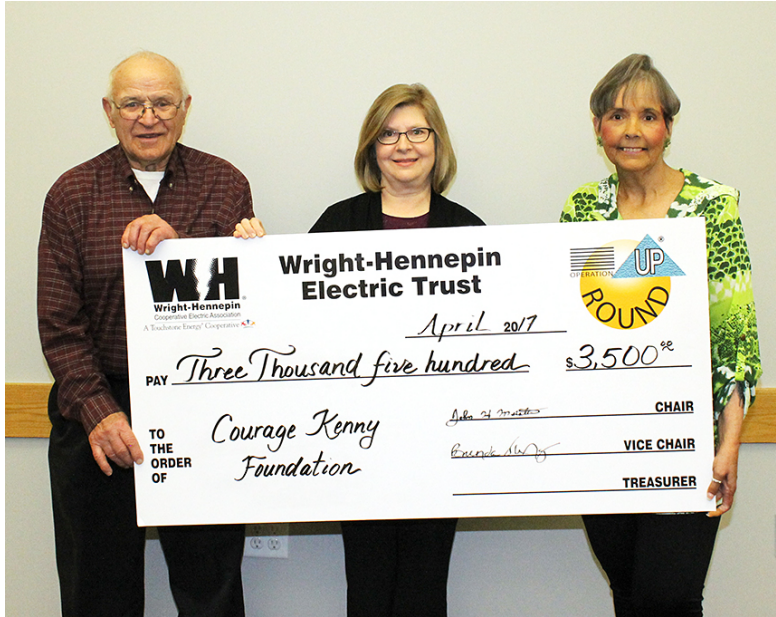
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Angel Quilters in the amount of \$500 to purchase fiber-fill and pay for machine repairs. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) and Board Director Tami Odenthal (right) presented the grant to Quilter Donna Giuliani.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Autism Allies in the amount of \$2,100 to support an annual resource fair. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) and Board Director Tami Odenthal (right) presented the grant to Program Director Roger Strege.

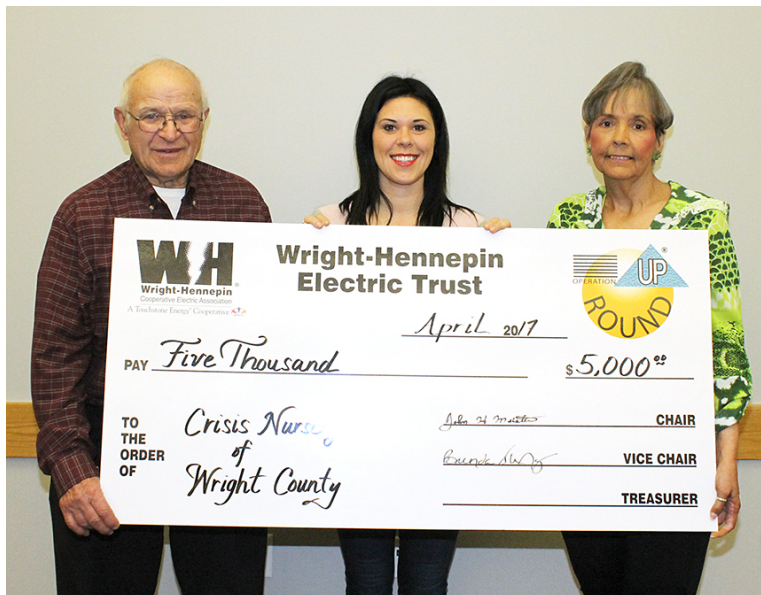


Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Cokato Charitable Trust in the amount of \$5,000 to replace flooring and a bathtub. ORU Board Director Tami Odenthal (right) presented the grant to Administrator Jim Broich.



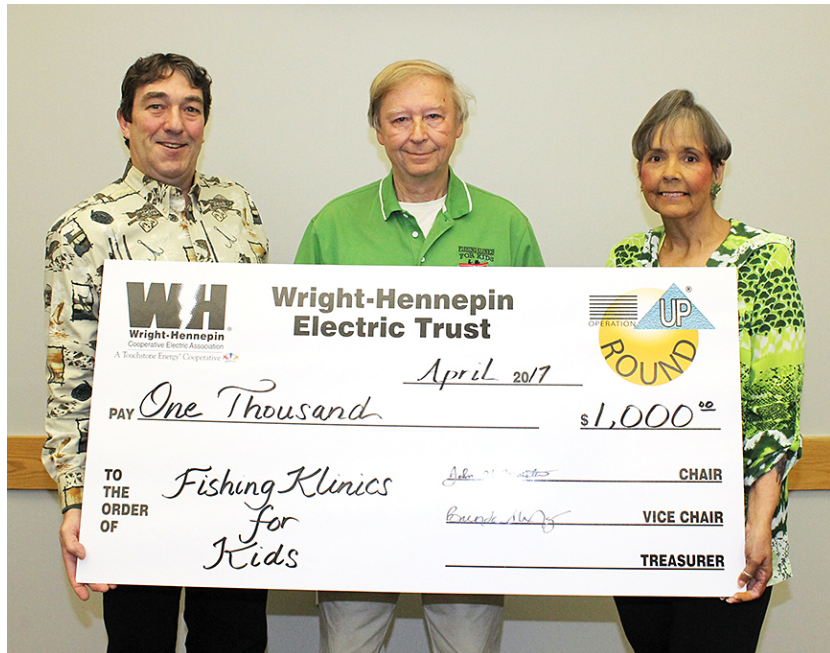
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the Courage Kenny Foundation in the amount of \$3,500 to support full and partial scholarships for children with disabilities.

ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) and Board Director Tami Odenthal (right) presented the grant to Manager of Development Rose Adams.

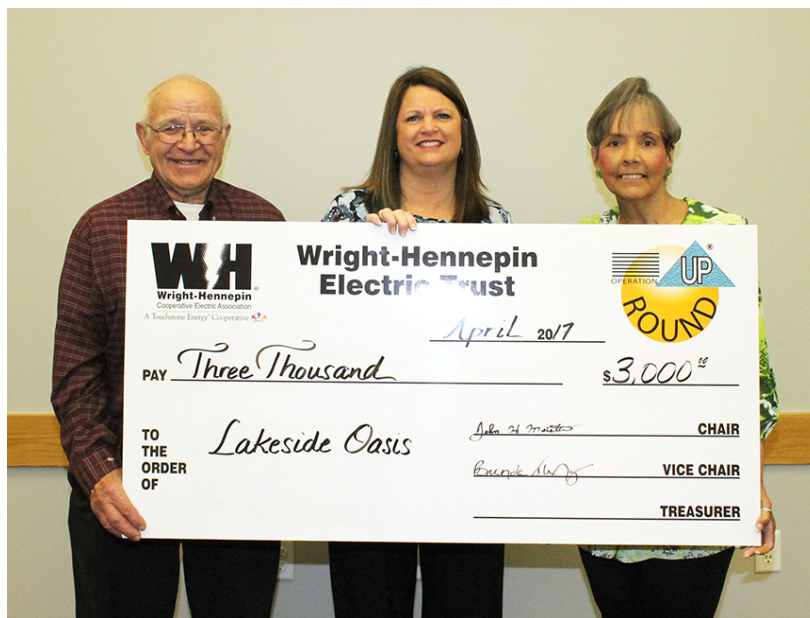


Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the Crisis Nursery of Wright County in the amount of \$5,000 to support the crisis nursery in Wright County. ORU Board Chair

John Meister (left) and Board Director Tami Odenthal (right) presented the grant to Development Coordinator Abby Dahl.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Fishing Clinics for Kids in the amount of \$1,000 to support Clinic prizes. ORU Board Director Tami Odenthal (right) presented the grant to Committee Member David Leonard (left) and Founder Jim Wedell.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Elim Care in the amount of \$3,000 to support Lakeside Oasis hospice center by purchasing a blanket warming cabinet and two lift recliners. ORU Board Chair John Meister (left) and Board Director Tami Odenthal (right) presented the grant to Associate Director of Lakeside Oasis Kim Brehmer.

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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