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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$43,000 TO HELP LOCAL ORAGNIZATIONS

Rockford, MN (December 30, 2015) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$43,560 in December of 2015.

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 December 2015:

- **\$3,000, Angel Bears of Hope**, funds to support the gift of an Angel Bear to children and adults with life threatening diseases
- **\$1,000 Annandale Food Shelf**, funds to support weekend food programs in Maple Lake and Annandale
- **\$3,500, Buffalo Stampede Special Olympics**, funds to support a new Special Olympic floor hockey team
- **\$5,000, Can Do Canines**, funds to provide assistance dogs free of charge to clients
- **\$9,050, Catholic Charities Senior Dining**, funds to support Meals on Wheels in Maple Lake, Annandale and Buffalo

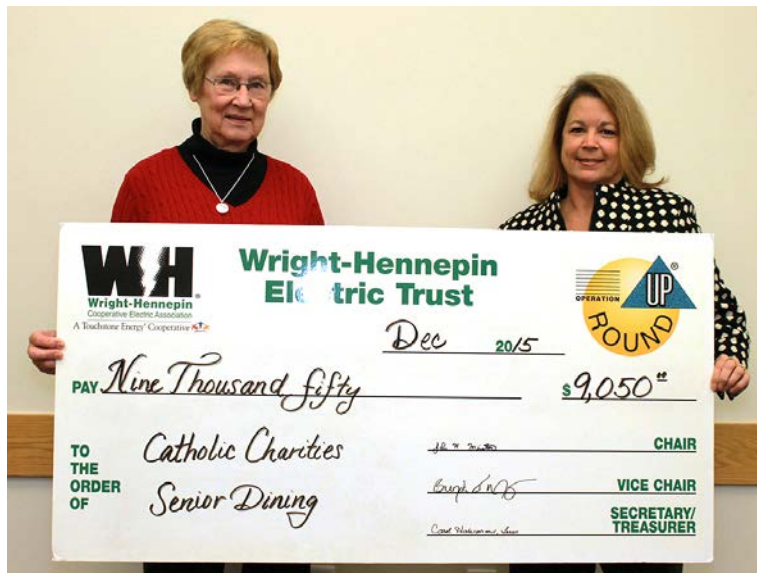
- **\$5,000, Children’s Home Society and Family Services**, funds to support adoption programs
- **\$500, Confidence Learning Center**, funds to provide scholarship assistance for campers with disabilities
- **\$2,000, Friends of the Buffalo Library**, funds to purchase new books for the library
- **\$2,110, FYCC**, funds to support purchase of bike lights on youth bikes for safety
- **\$200, Maple Grove Grad Party**, funds to support an all-night safe party
- **\$2,000, Relate Counseling Center**, funds to support answering service and on-call counselors
- **\$200, STMA Grad Party**, funds to support an all-night safe party
- **\$10,000, WeCAN**, funds to assist needy with emergency assistance



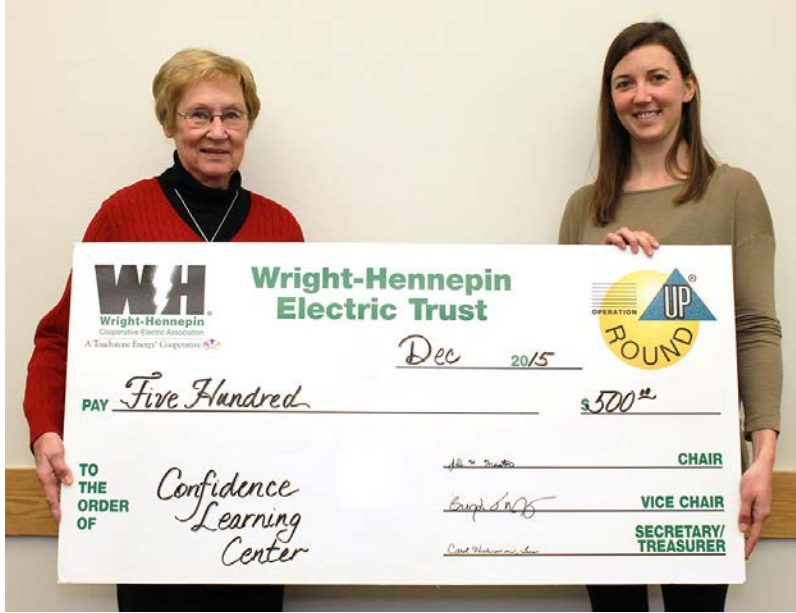
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Angel Bears of Hope in the amount of \$3,000 to support the gifts of Angel Bears to children and adults with life threatening diseases. ORU Secretary Sharon Glessing (left) presented the grant to Minnesota Coordinator Sara Mower.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the Annandale Food Shelf in the amount of \$1,000 to support weekend food programs in Maple Lake and Annandale. ORU Secretary Sharon Glessing (left) presented the grant to President Ed Skomoroh.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Catholic Charities Senior Dining in the amount of \$9,050 to support Meals on Wheels in Maple Lake, Annandale and Buffalo. ORU Secretary Sharon Glessing (left) presented the grant to Director of Organizational Advancement Penny Casavant.



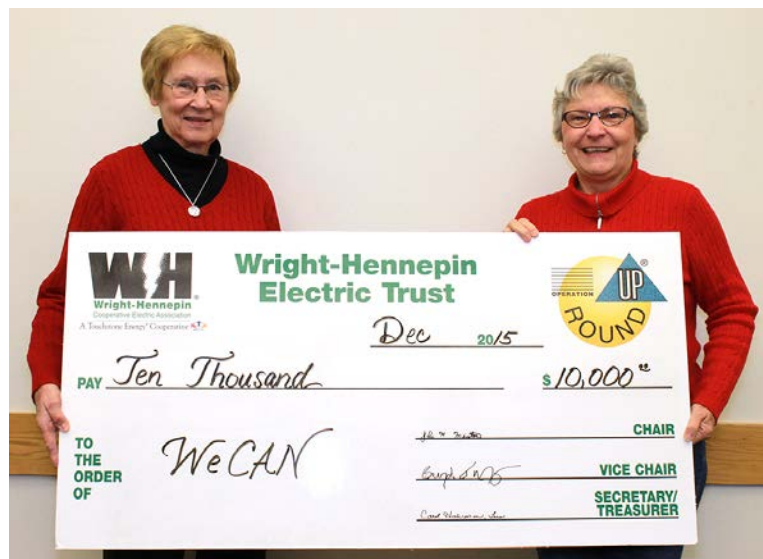
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the Confidence Learning Center in the amount of \$500 to provide scholarship assistance for campers with disabilities. ORU Secretary Sharon Glessing (left) presented the grant to Program Specialist Leona Mostowski.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the Relate Counseling Center in the amount of \$2,000 to support an answering service and on-call counselors. ORU Secretary Sharon Glessing (left) presented the grant to Human Resources and Account Manager Tracee Lawrence.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Buffalo Stampede Special Olympics in the amount of \$3,500 to support a new Special Olympic floor hockey team. ORU Secretary Sharon Glessing (back left) presented the grant to, front row from left to right: Kristi Seitz and Lindsay Wahlstrom. Back row from left to right: Heather Stewart, Christina Aberle, Mandy Aberle and Head of Delegation Rachael Hartfiel.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to WeCAN in the amount of \$10,000 to assist the needy with emergency assistance. ORU Secretary Sharon Glessing (left) presented the grant to Board Chair Linda Blakstredt.

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, non-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 almost 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, MN.

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