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News Release

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

Rockford, MN (June 1, 2015) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$25,800 in April 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 trust 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 2015:

- **\$500, Angel Quilters**, funds to purchase fiber-fill and machine repairs
- **\$2,500, Ave Maria Academy**, funds to start summer community programs
- **\$200, Buffalo High School Grad Party**, funds to support an all-night safe party
- **\$500, Cokato Historical Society**, funds to scan and digitize 2,467 nitrate and acetate negatives for preservation
- **\$3,000, Elim Care**, funds to support Park View Care Center's new wheelchairs
- **\$1,000, Fishing Klinics for Kids**, funds for prizes and a trailer
- **\$1,500, Homeward Bound**, funds for a summer camp scholarship
- **\$1,000, Love INC-Big Woods**, funds for the school supply program for students in Buffalo, Hanover and Montrose
- **\$3,000, Rivers of Hope**, funds to support a 24-hour crisis phone line

- **\$200, Robbinsdale Armstrong Grad Party**, funds to support an all-night safe party
- **\$10,000, Wright County Community Action**, funds to assist with an energy assistance program



Operation Round Up Recently awarded a grant to Homeward Bound in the amount of \$1,500 to fund a summer camp scholarship. ORU Vice Chair Brenda Moy (left) presented the grant to Development Associate Kristine Morin (right).



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Angel Quilters in the amount of \$500 to fund the purchase of fiber-fill and machine repairs. ORU Vice Chair Brenda Moy (left) presented the grant to Coordinator Jean Lorenz (right).



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Elim Care's Park View Care Center in the amount of \$3,000 to fund the purchase of new wheelchairs. ORU Vice President Brenda Moy (left) presented the grant to Park View Care Center Administrator Ann Dirks (right).



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Wright County Community Action in the amount of \$10,000 to assist with an energy assistance program. ORU Vice Chair Brenda Moy (left) presented the grant to Housing Manager Larry Howard (right).

For those interested in applying for funds, the next application deadline is August 1, 2015. To receive an application, visit WH's website at www.whe.org, send an email to oru@whe.org, or call Lisa and leave a message at (763) 477-3000 extension 6126.

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric accounts. The utility started its security division in 1989 and provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for almost 60,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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