



**Wright-Hennepin**

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## News Release

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### **WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$21,000 TO HELP LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**Rockford, Minn. (July 4, 2013)** — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association's (WH) Operation Round Up (ORU) participants donated grants totaling \$21,720 in June 2013. ORU participants allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar. The rounded amount is then used for donations to fund community programs.

ORU's trust board of directors 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 bi-monthly basis.

The ORU trust board approved the following donations on behalf of WH members for June 2013:

- **\$750, Boy Scout Troop #590, Otsego**, funds to purchase camping equipment
- **\$2,000, Buffalo Hospital Foundation**, funds to support a Cancer Center's educational resources
- **\$1,000, Christian Benevolence Program**, funds to support emergency needs in the community
- **\$1,050, Fishing Clinics for Kids**, funds to support fishing programs
- **\$5,000, MN Teen Challenge**, funds for the "Know the Truth" program to be used in local schools
- **\$2,415, RiverWorks Community Development**, funds to purchase a refrigerator and shelving for the local food shelf

- **\$6,000, Sharadise Therapeutics Foundation**, funds for three scholarships

Since the ORU program began in 1994, WH members have donated more than \$2.8 million to programs in need. Each participant annually contributes six dollars on average.

For those interested in applying for funds, the next application deadline is August 1, 2013. To receive an application, visit WH's website at [www.whe.org](http://www.whe.org), send an email to [oru@whe.org](mailto:oru@whe.org), or call Lisa Zipp and leave a message at (763) 477-3000 ext. 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 now provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for more than 50,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.

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