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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$47,000 TO LOCAL ORAGNIZATIONS

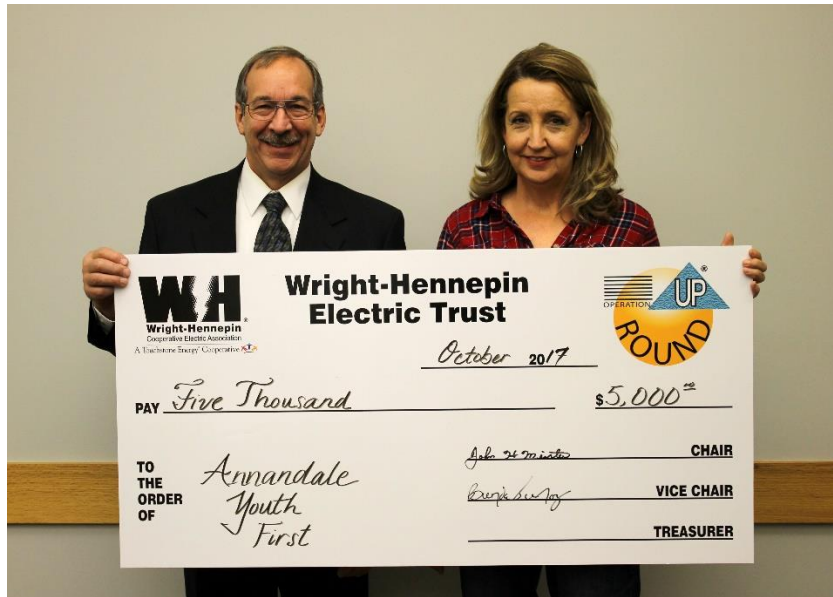
Rockford, MN (November 13, 2017) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$47,765.35 in October of 2017.

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.

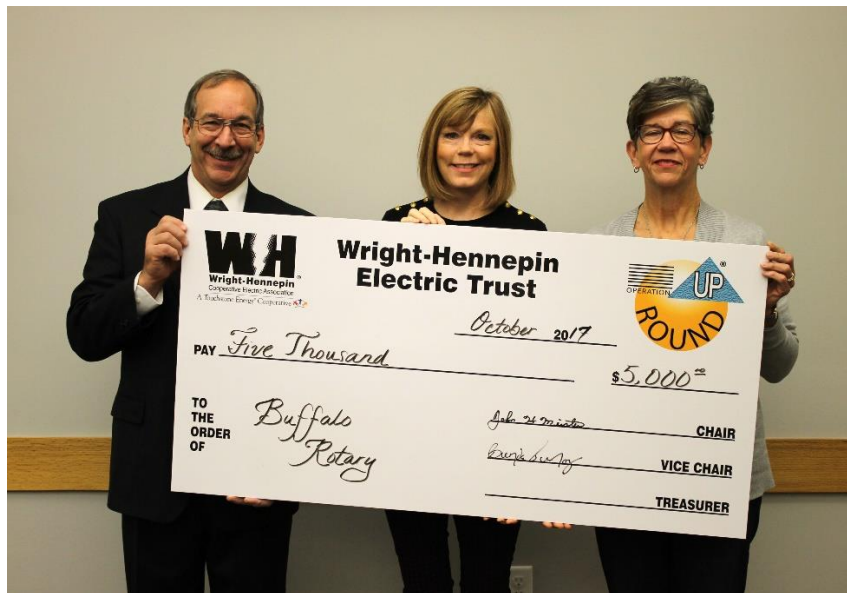
The ORU trust board approved the following donations on behalf of WH members for October 2017:

- **\$5,000, Annandale Youth First**, funds to provide student-to-student mentorship programs.
- **\$5,000, Buffalo Rotary**, funds to provide coats and boots for children in need as well as to support a mentoring program for at-risk students in junior high and high school.
- **\$5,000, Community Toys for Tots**, funds to purchase toys and gifts for children zero to 17 years of age.
- **\$5,000, Toys for Tots, Buffalo**, funds to purchase toys and gifts for children zero to 17 years of age.
- **\$7,500, MN Adult and Teen Challenge**, funds to support the “Know the Truth” drug prevention program.

- **\$5,000, Angel Foundation**, funds to support a financial assistance program for adult cancer patients in the WH service area.
- **\$500, CEAP Quilters**, funds to purchase quilting supplies.
- **\$1,500, French Lake Sunshine Club**, funds to support a local outreach that assists families in need and helps celebrate the birthdays of the residents of Annandale Care Center.
- **\$1,200, Friends of the Maple Lake Library**, funds to purchase books and audio books for library.
- **\$2,500, Guardian Angels Senior Services**, funds to expand overall wellness education and fitness classes at the Engel Haus in Albertville.
- **\$5,000, Second Chance for Life Foundation**, funds to assist WH service area patients in need of heart transplant expenses.
- **\$1,500, Wright County Blue Star Mothers**, funds to defray costs of shipping packages to deployed military personnel.



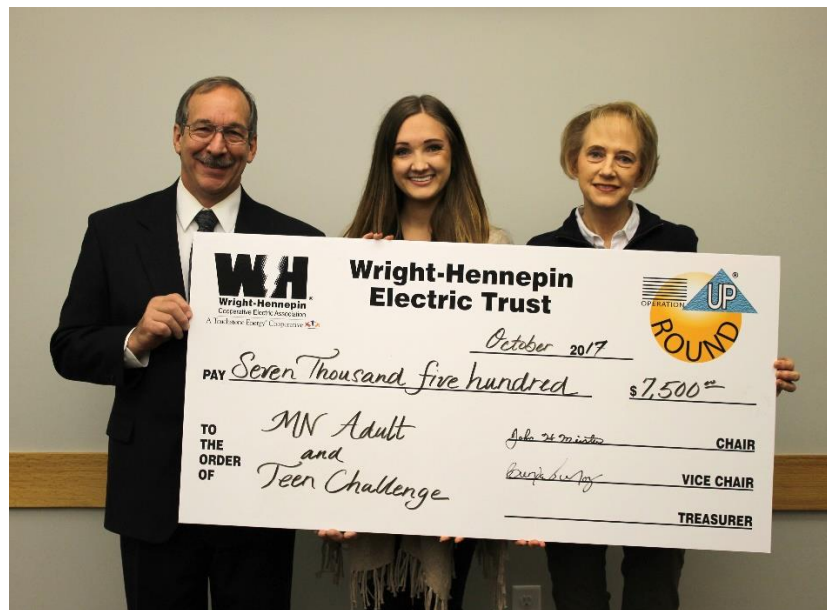
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Annandale Youth First in the amount of \$5,000 to provide student to student mentorship programs. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Pam Wurm.



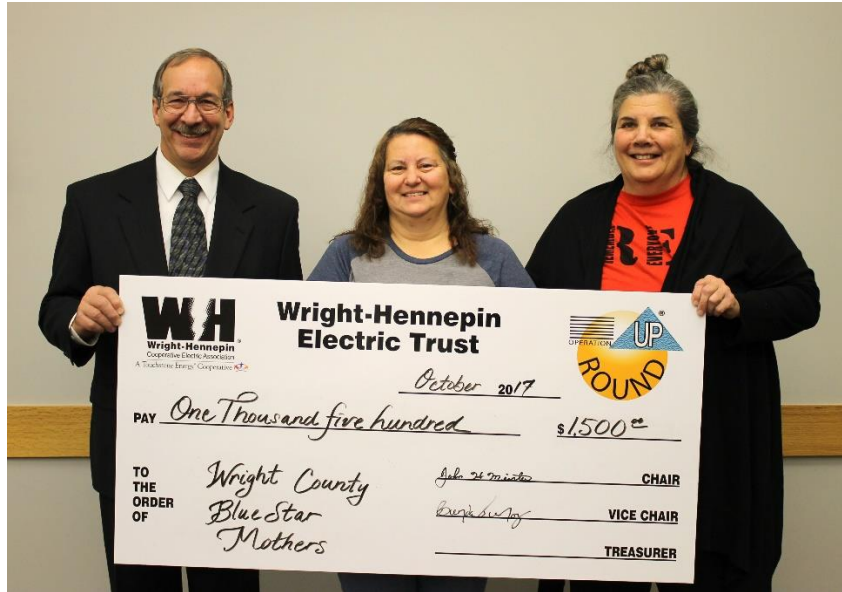
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Buffalo Rotary in the amount of \$5,000 to provide coats and boots for children in need as well as to support a mentoring program for at risk students in junior high and high school. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to President Elect Kris Dirks (middle) and Strive Coordinator Rita Varner-Otness (right).



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Toys for Tots, Buffalo in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase toys and gifts for children zero to 17 years of age. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to President Elect Kris Dirks (middle left), Coordinator Jean Carlson (middle right) and Strive Coordinator Rita Varner-Otness (right).



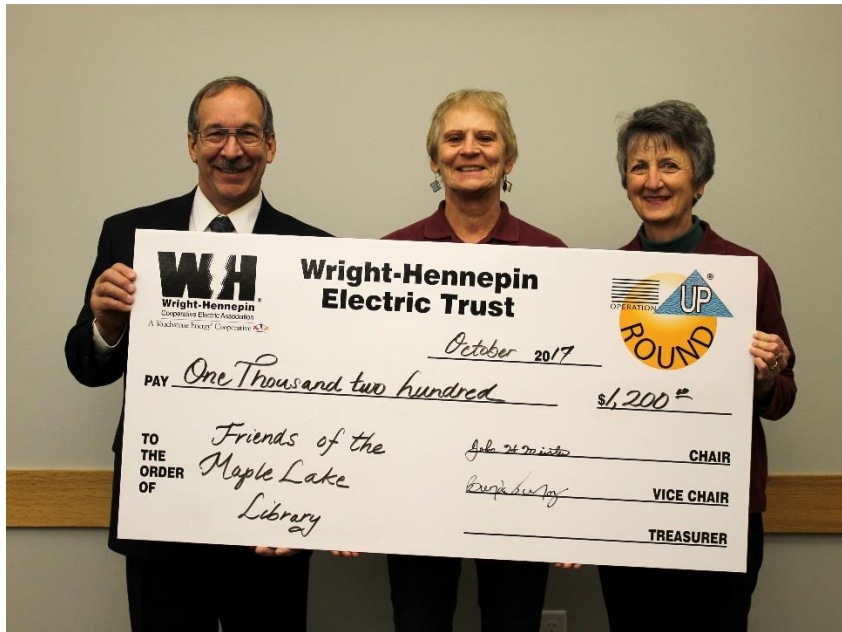
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to MN Adult and Teen Challenge in the amount of \$7,500 to support the “Know the Truth” drug prevention program. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Know the Truth Coordinator Sadie Holland (middle) and Foundation and Grants Manager MaryKay Benson (right).



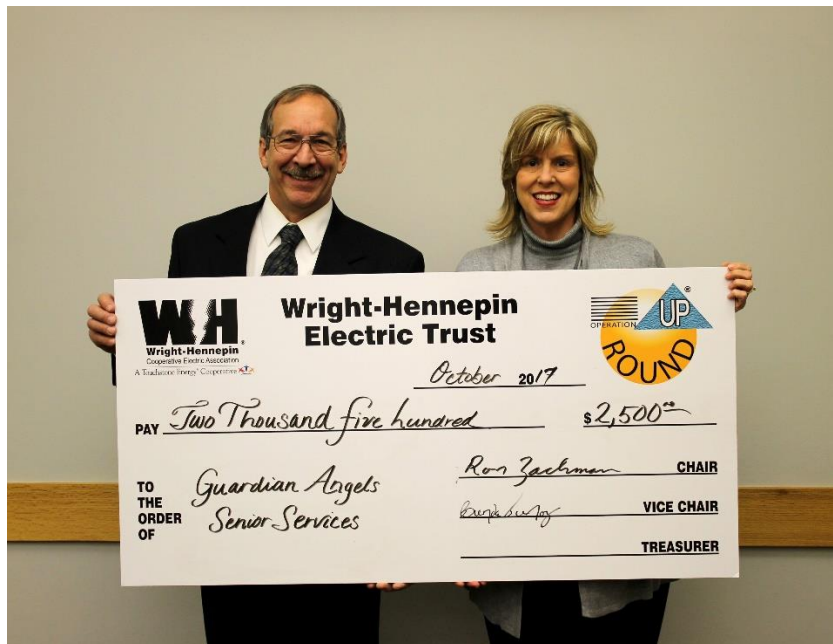
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Wight County Blue Star Mothers in the amount of \$1,500 to defray costs of shipping packages to deployed military personnel. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to President Jen Pecarina (middle) and Financial Secretary Lori Saunders (right).



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to French Lake Sunshine Club in the amount of \$1,500 to support local outreach to assist families in need and helps celebrate the birthdays of the residents of Annandale Care Center. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Frieda Gunderson.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Friends of the Maple Lake Library in the amount of \$1,200 to purchase books and audio books for library. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Board Della Ness (middle) and Chair of Programs Committee Marie Mavencamp (right).



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Guardian Angels Senior Services in the amount of \$2,500 to expand overall wellness education and fitness classes at the Engel Haus in

Albertville. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Development Specialist Pat Hackman.

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/RHJKz8>, 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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