

## News Release

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### **WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE \$36,983 TO MANY LOCAL WORTHY CAUSES**

**Rockford, Minn. (April 8, 2011)** — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association's (WH) Operation Round Up (ORU) participants continue to help local organizations and families with recent grants totaling \$36,983.

Funding for ORU is supplied by WH members who allow their electric statements to be rounded up to the nearest dollar every month. The average donation of each participating WH member is \$6 per year with more than 80 percent of WH members participating. Since the ORU program began in 1994, WH members have donated more than \$2.4 million to local worthy causes.

The ORU trust board, which administers the program, approved the following donations on behalf of WH members for spring 2011:

- **\$3,200, Autism Allies**, to assist with funding a resource fair for those most impacted by autism.
- **\$6,000, ALS of Minnesota**, for a head array for loan closet.
- **\$500, Christian Benevolence Society**, funds to purchase gas cards for local residents in need.
- **\$2,500, Pack and Troop 490 of Rockford, Minn.**, funds for spring scouting jamboree.
- **\$2,080, Faith in Action of Wright County**, funds to assist with equipment needs for volunteer programs.
- **\$1,500, Monticello Senior Center**, funds to recover a pool table and purchase a printer.
- **\$703, Senior Dining of Maple Lake**, funds to assist with office needs.
- **\$500, Clearwater Community Choir**, funds for purchasing sheet music.

- **\$20,000, local food shelves**, funds to support the food shelves in Annandale, Minn.; Buffalo, Minn.; Clearwater, Minn.; Cokato, Minn.; Delano, Minn.; Elk River, Minn.; Hanover, Minn.; Monticello, Minn.; Waverly, Minn.; Wayzata, Minn.; Maple Grove, Minn.; Maple Plain, Minn.; Westonka, Minn. and Rockford Minn.

All funds generated for ORU are placed in a trust fund. A trust board, which is appointed by the cooperative's board of directors, independently administers these funds. Donations are made to local civic organizations or worthy causes through an application and selection process. The trust board uses special guidelines and policies when choosing recipients.

For those wishing to apply for funds, the next application deadline is June 1, 2011. To receive an application, or for more information about guidelines and policies, visit WH's website at [www.whe.org](http://www.whe.org), send an email to [info@whe.org](mailto:info@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 that 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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