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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN AWARDS \$12,702 TO CAMPS OF COURAGE AND FRIENDSHIP TO AID ITS CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Rockford, Minn. (June 7, 2013) — Wright-Hennepin (WH) recently presented Camps of Courage and Friendship – a WH commercial member – with a \$12,702 grant to help with the installation of energy-efficient innovations at its facility near Maple Lake, Minn.

Energy grants are awarded to businesses that install energy-efficient equipment, reducing electricity consumption. As a non-profit organization, Camps of Courage and Friendship qualified for these funds to assist with conservation.

Camps of Courage and Friendship used the funds to help cover the cost of a high-efficiency lighting retrofit at their facilities near Maple Lake, Minn. The project replaced outdated lights with high-efficiency fluorescents and LED lighting. The new lights are estimated to reduce electric usage by more than 15,000 kilowatt hours annually.

“This generous gift impacts the lives of 4,000 children and adults with disabilities. We are blessed to have partners like WH helping us provide engaging and therapeutic experiences through our camp, respite and travel programs,” said Camps of Courage and Friendship Senior Business Development Director Kevin Dietrich.

Each year, WH invests more than \$500,000 on residential and commercial conservation programs per requirements of the Minnesota Dept. of Commerce, including about \$100,000 in energy efficient grants to commercial customers.

“This was an excellent opportunity to implement improved energy efficiencies while benefiting a great charitable organization like Friendship Ventures/Camp Courage,” said WH Key Account Executive Lane Wilson.

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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A camp of Courage and Friendship receives a check from Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association for a recently completed lighting retrofit. From left to right: Wright-Hennepin Key Account Executive Lane Wilson and Kevin Dietrich of Camps of Courage and Friendship.