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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE \$42,000 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rockford, MN (January 14, 2019) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$42,000 in December of 2018.

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 awarded the following donations on behalf of WH members in December 2018:

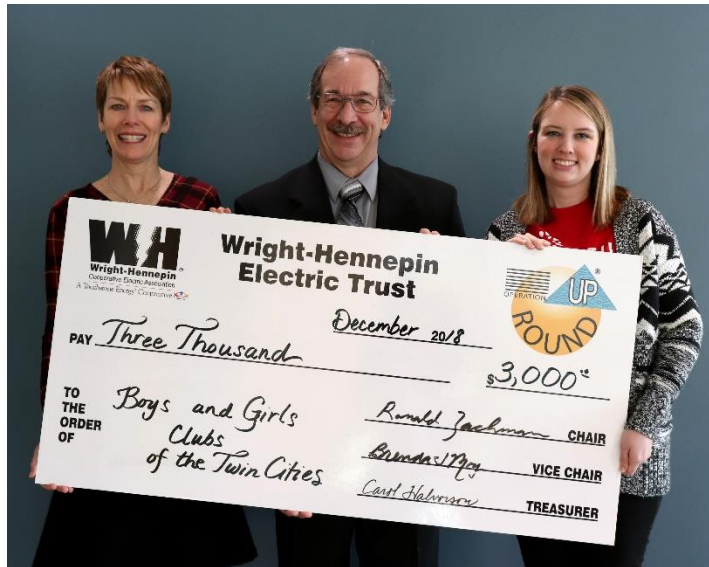
- **\$3,000, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities**, funds to support Voyageur, an environmental camp, located in Mound, Minn.
- **\$1,500, Open Doors for Youth**, funds to provide a safe and welcoming facility for homeless youth.
- **\$3,500, Otsego Lions – Gifts Anonymous**, funds to purchase gifts for children in the Elk River and Otsego area.
- **\$500, Village Ranch Alternative Program**, funds to purchase books to expand help library collection.
- **\$5,000, Children's Home Society and Family Services**, funds to support adoption programs.
- **\$2,000, Clearwater-Clear Lake Food Shelf**, funds to cover costs of the annual Christmas Meal Baskets.
- **\$2,000, FYCC**, funds to provide children with \$2 of fresh produce each week at a local farmers market for the "Power of Produce" program.

- **\$2,000, Relate Counseling Center**, funds to support the answering service and on-call counselors.
- **\$5,000, Second Chance for Life**, funds to support patients who have valve or heart transplants in the WHECA service area.
- **\$10,000, WeCAN**, funds to assist those in need with emergency assistance.
- **\$7,500, Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County**, funds to support the Energy Assistance Program.

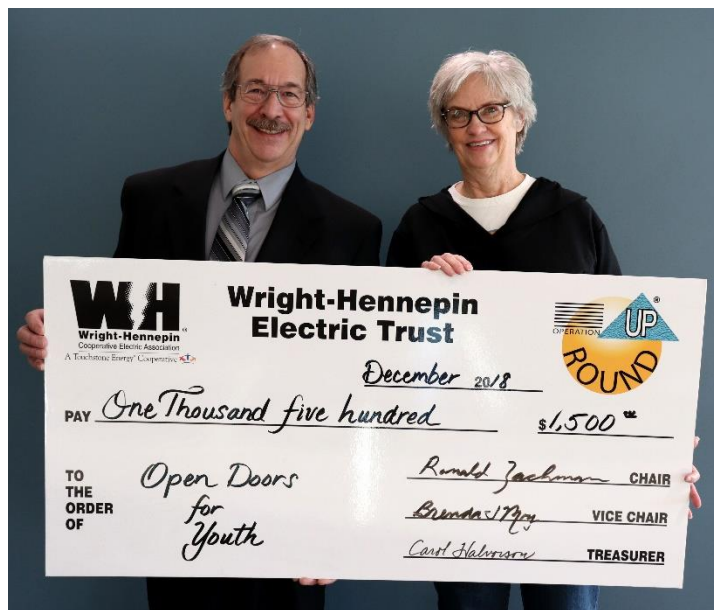
Those interested in Operation Round Up funds can find an application and learn more about the types of activities ORU supports by visiting WH's website at <http://goo.gl/RHJKz8>, send an email to oru@whe.org or call Lisa and leave a message at (763) 477-3000 extension 6126.

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.

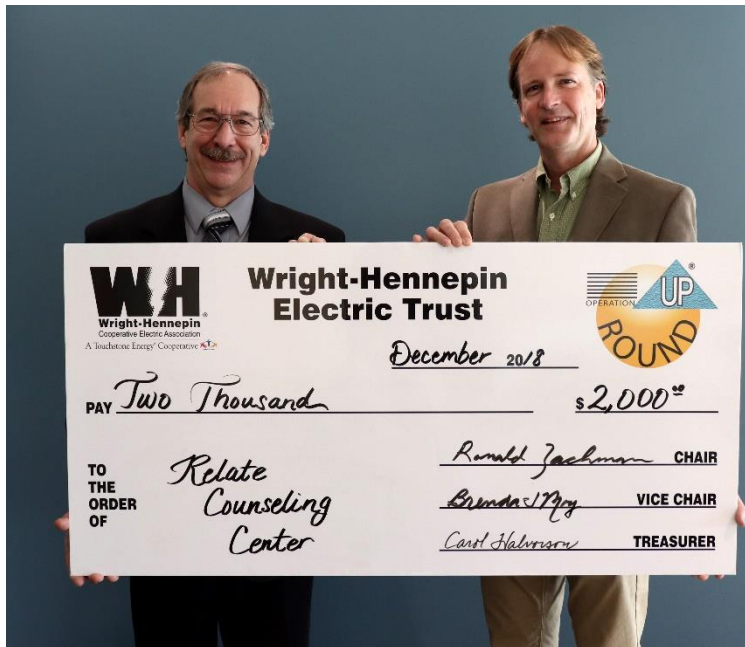
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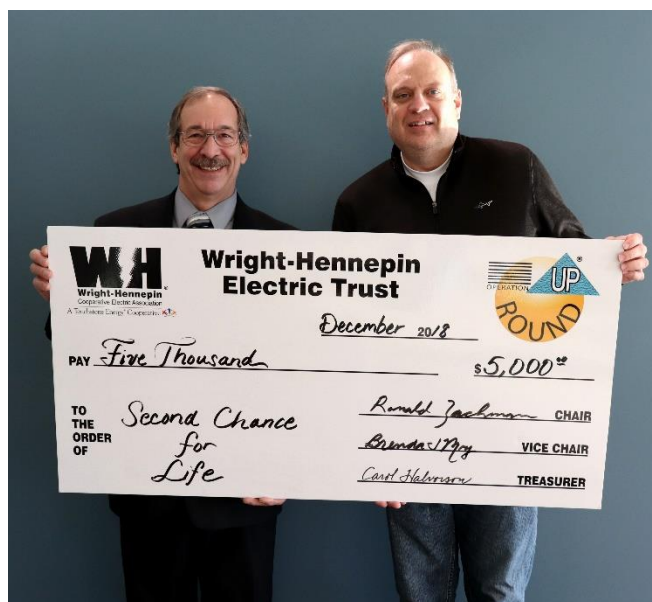
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities in the amount of \$3,000 to support Voyager, an environmental camp, located in Mound, Minn. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (middle) presented the grant to Mary Sue Godfrey, senior director of communications and foundation relations (left), and Brittany Singleton, program director (right).



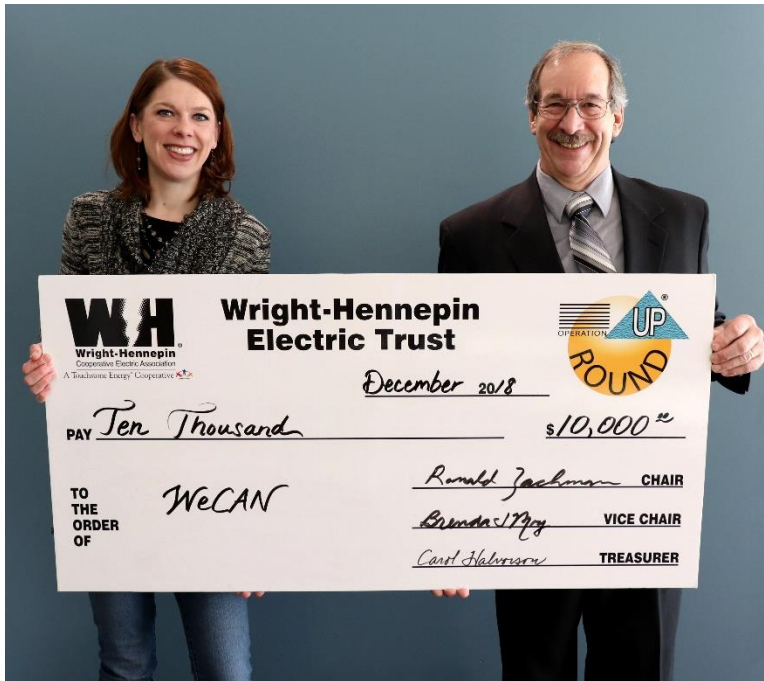
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Open Doors for Youth in the amount of \$1,500 to provide a safe and welcoming facility for homeless youth. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Cheryl Wold, board president.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Relate Counseling Center in the amount of \$2,000 to support the answering service and on-call counselors. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to David Senior, executive director.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Second Chance for Life in the amount of \$5,000 to support patients who have valve or heart transplants in the WHECA service area. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Scott Johnson, treasurer.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to WeCAN in the amount of \$10,000 to assist those in need with emergency assistance. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Christie Larson, executive director.