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## News Release

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### WH MAKE A DIFFERENCE DONATES SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO WECAN

**Rockford, Minn. (October 1, 2019)** — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association's (WH) employee committee, WH Make a Difference, donated 281 school supplies to Western Communities Action Network, Inc. (WeCAN) in August. The donations were distributed to local children to help them get ready for the new school year.

In addition, six WH employees volunteered their time to help pack the school supplies at WeCAN's headquarters in Mound, Minn. While there, they helped sort donated supplies and prepacked bags with the specific supplies needed for various grades at local schools.

"It was amazing to see all the supplies employees donated," said Bev Peitz, a member of the WH Make a Difference committee. "Then being able to help prepack bags for students was such a privilege. Our mission is to make a difference in our local communities, and I believe we have been able to through this experience."

WH Make a Difference is a committee of 10 employees, which organizes event and fundraising opportunities for WH employees. The committee selects organizations within WH's service territory for the donations to be given to. The goal of WH Make a Difference is to give back to the local communities WH serves through employee contributions.

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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WH employees donated 281 school supplies to WeCAN for their Ready-to-Learn program. WH Make a Difference members counted and organized the supplies. From left to right: April Fornoff, Brenda Wilson, Bev Peitz and Chrissy Piekarski.



Six WH employees volunteered at WeCAN to help organize supplies and prepack bags. From left to right: Bev Peitz, Stacie Nielsen, Heather Reinhart, Tricia George, Janet Cafferty and Brenda Wilson.