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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$39,000 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rockford, MN (September 3, 2020) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) recently donated grants totaling \$39,785 in August. ORU has awarded more than \$4.2 million since it began in 1994.

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 87 percent of WH's members participate in the ORU program and contribute a total of approximately \$19,000 each month. ORU's board manages the generated money, which is held in a trust fund. Through a selection process and review of guidelines, the ORU trust board evaluates funding requests on a bimonthly basis.

The ORU trust board awarded the following donations on behalf of WH members at their August meeting:

- **\$5,000, Wishes and More**, funds to support a wish of a child struggling with a life-threatening condition.
- **\$8,285, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of St. Cloud**, funds to purchase a freezer for Meals on Wheels program in Buffalo.
- **\$1,500, French Lake Sunshine Club**, funds to support local good will group.
- **\$10,000, Love INC – Heartland**, funds to provide educational programs for low income families to gain skills and become self-reliant.
- **\$5,000, RiverWorks Food Shelf**, funds to purchase a replacement freezer and shelving.
- **\$10,000, True Friends**, funds to support capital upgrade of exterior improvements of cabins at Camp Courage.

Those interested in ORU funds can find an application and learn more about the types of activities ORU supports by visiting WH's website at <http://bit.ly/2Jvv6gv>, sending an email to oru@whe.org or calling Lisa and leaving 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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