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## News Release

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### WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$33,000 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

**Rockford, Minn. (December 27, 2022)** — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) recently donated grants totaling over \$33,000 in December. ORU has awarded more than \$4.7 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 supporting local programs. Approximately 90% of WH's members participate in the ORU program, contributing a total of almost \$20,000 each month. ORU's board manages the donated 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 donated the following on behalf of WH members at their December meeting:

- **\$7,500, Children's Home Society of MN**, funds for adoption programming.
- **\$5,000, YMCA Camp Ihduhapi**, funds to support scholarship availability for day and overnight camp programs.
- **\$4,500, Buffalo Area Timber Bay/Youth Investment Foundation**, funds to support 1:1 mentoring through activities in the community.
- **\$4,000, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities**, funds to support Voyageur, an environmental camp.
- **\$3,900, Otsego Lions, Gifts Anonymous**, funds for gifts for the needy at Christmas.
- **\$3,000, Angel Bears of Love**, funds to support the gift of an Angel Bear to children and adults with life-threatening diseases.
- **\$3,000, Monticello Timber Bay**, funds to support Volunteer Work Crew Program with cold weather supplies and truck tires.
- **\$2,799, Annandale Art and Textile Center**, funds to purchase steam press needed to support vocational weaving program for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Those interested in ORU funds can find the application and learn more about the types of activities ORU supports by visiting WH's website at <https://www.bit.ly/WH-ORU>, sending an email to [oru@whe.org](mailto:oru@whe.org), or calling the Administrator to the Trust, Lisa Zipp, 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 58,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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