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News Release

ANNANDALE FOOD SHELF RECEIVES GRANT FOR CONSERVATION EFFORTS

Rockford, Minn. (December 13, 2012) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) recently presented the Annandale Food Shelf with a \$10,000 grant for installing energy efficient lighting and HVAC equipment in the construction of their Annandale facility completed in 2012.

Energy grants are awarded to businesses that install energy-efficient equipment, reducing electricity consumption. As a non-profit organization, the Annandale Food Shelf qualified for these funds to assist with conservation.

The funds were an extra incentive for the food shelf to invest in high-efficiency equipment, which will conserve energy and allow more money to be used for purchasing food to stock the shelves.

"This is a great way for WH to encourage energy efficiency, while benefitting a great charitable organization," said Key Account Executive Lane Wilson.

Each year, WH invests more than \$500,000 on residential and commercial conservation programs per requirements of the Minnesota Dept. of Commerce.

"This is fantastic," said food shelf president Ed Skomoroh, adding "When I applied for a rebate on the fluorescent lights and the two air conditioners, little did I imagine in my wildest dreams that we would receive \$10,000. This will go a long ways in paying our utility bills."

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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