

## **News Release**

## WH EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE

**Rockford, Minn**. (**December 20, 2019**) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association's (WH) employees donated 356 toys and a total of \$3,775 to the Toys for Tots drive through the WH Make a Difference committee. The donations will become presents for local children.

WH was an official drop-off location for Toys for Tots and accepted donations from WH employees and the public. WH employees donated \$2,205, while WH matched the first \$1,000, bringing the total to \$3,205. A separate employee drawing brought in an additional \$570 in cash, bringing the grand total to \$3,775.

"It was amazing to see the generosity of our employees during this time of year," said Chrissy Piekarski, a member of the WH Make a Difference committee. "Our mission is to make a difference in our local communities, and we have been able to make our communities a little brighter this holiday season."

WH Make a Difference is a committee of 10 employees, which organizes events and fundraising opportunities for WH employees. The committee selects organizations within WH's service territory to receive the donations. 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 356 toys and a grand total of \$3,775 (after a late addition) to the Toys for Tots drive. Pictured above are WH Make a Difference committee members (from left): Stacie Nielsen, Kristina Manes, Darrell Erickson, April Scharlou, Bev Peitz, Ryan O'Connor, Brenda Wilson and Chrissy Piekarski.