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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$35,000 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rockford, MN (January 12, 2018) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$35,500, which were awarded in January of 2018.

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 80 percent of WH's members participate in the ORU program. ORU's board manages the generated money, which is held in a trust fund. Through a selection process and review of guidelines, the board evaluates funding requests on a bimonthly basis.

The ORU trust board awarded the following donations on behalf of WH members in January 2018:

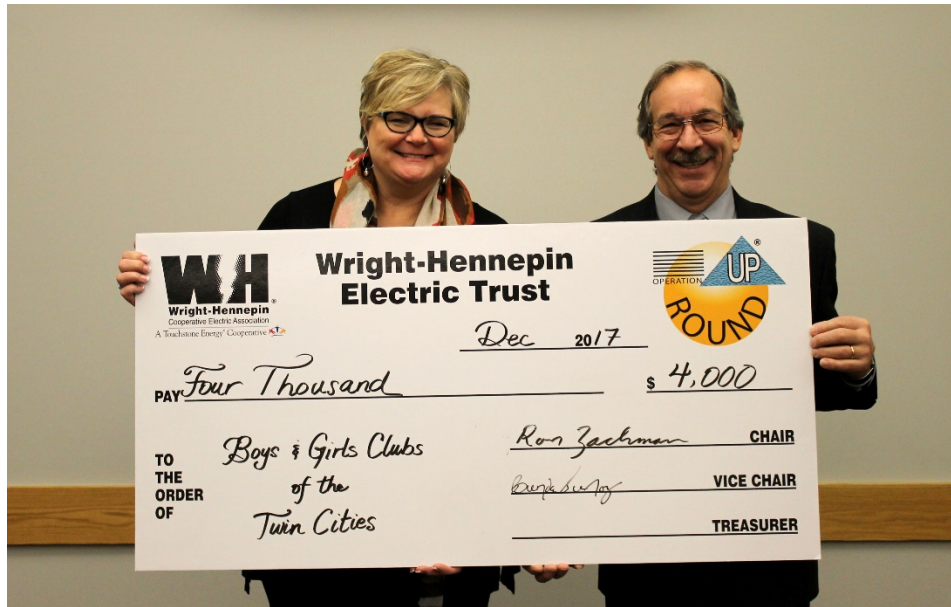
- **\$4,000, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities**, funds to support Voyageur, an environmental camp located in Mound, Minn.
- **\$1,000, Open Doors for Youth**, funds to provide a safe and welcoming facility for homeless youth, and for rental of the resource center.
- **\$2,500, Youth Investment Foundation/Timber Bay**, funds to support at-risk youth mentoring programs at the Monticello WorkCrew.
- **\$10,000, Children's Home Society and Family Services**, funds to support adoption programs.
- **\$2,000, Relate Counseling Center**, funds to support their answering service and on-call counselors.
- **\$10,000, WeCAN**, funds to assist the less fortunate with emergency assistance.

- **\$6,000, Wright County Health and Human Services (WCHHS) Special Needs Fund,** funds to provide one-time support to help families get back on their feet.

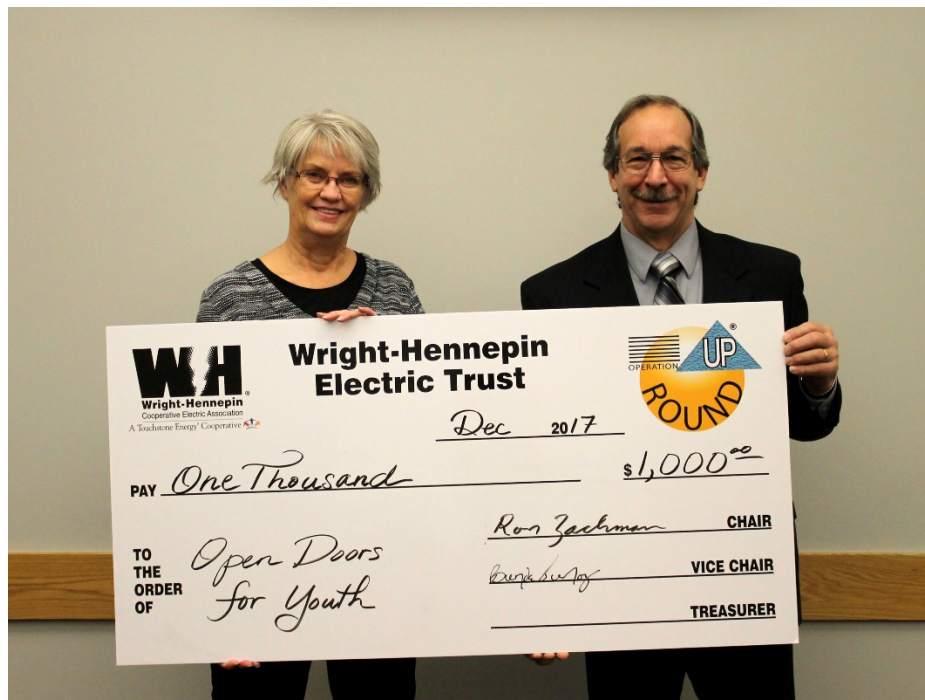
For those interested in applying for funds, fill out an application. To receive an application and to see what types of activities Operation Round Up supports – visit WH’s website at <http://goo.gl/RHJKz8>, send an email to oru@whe.org or call Lisa and leave a message at (763) 477-3000 extension 6126.

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.

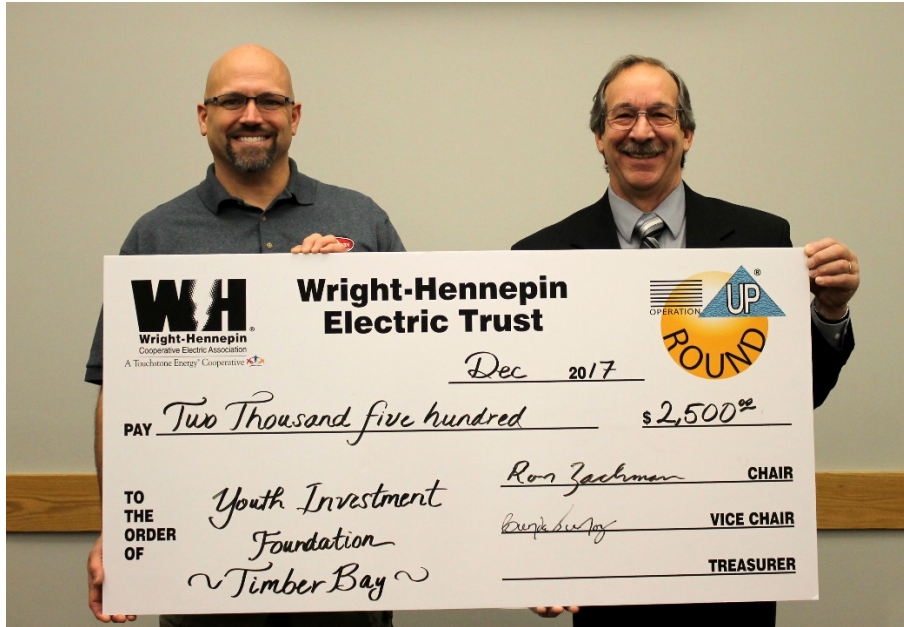
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Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities in the amount of \$4,000 to support Voyageur, an environmental camp. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Lori Peterson, Senior Director of Public Affairs.

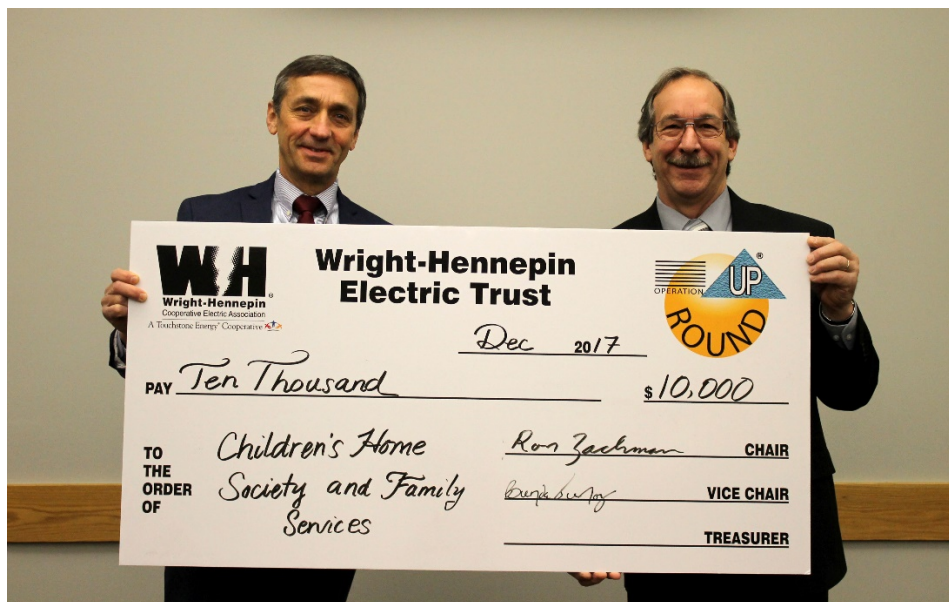


Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Open Doors for Youth in the amount of \$1,000 to provide a safe and welcoming facility for homeless youth, and for rental of the resource center. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Cheryl Wold, President.

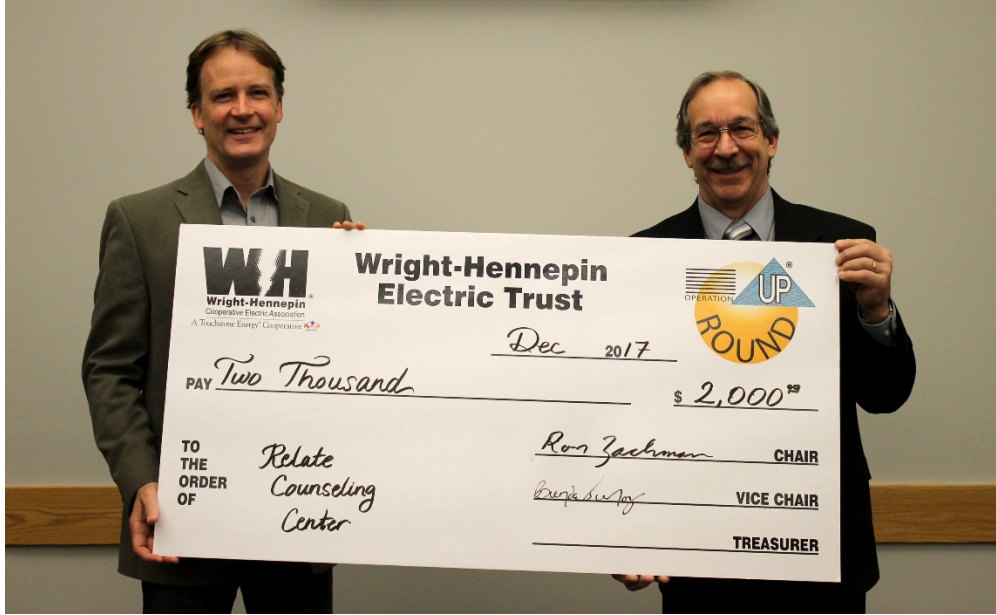


Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Youth Investment Foundation/Timber Bay in the amount of \$2,500 to support at-risk youth mentoring programs at the Monticello WorkCrew.

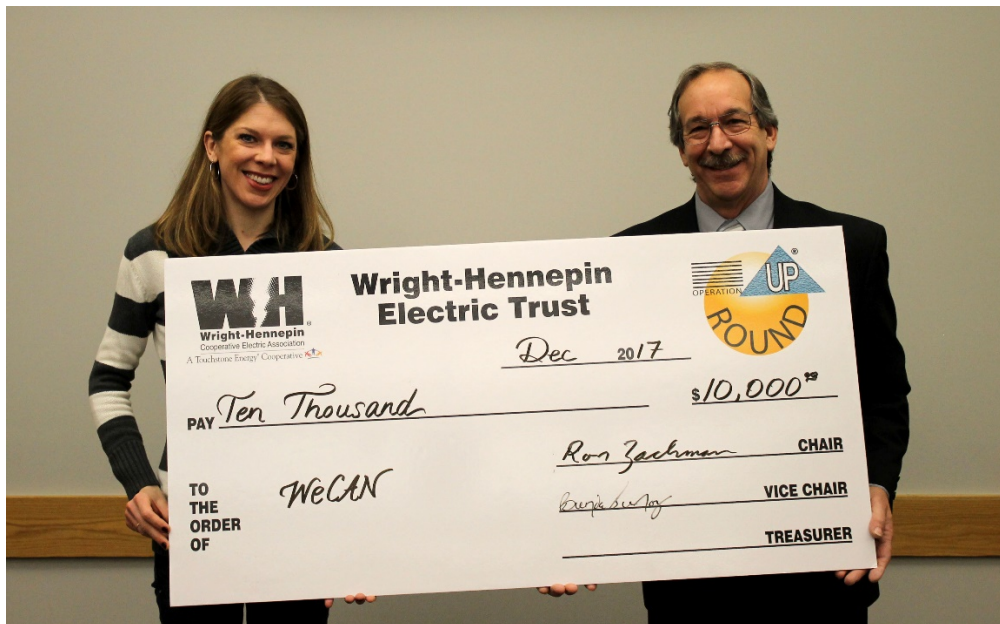
ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Dan Miles, Monticello Area Director.



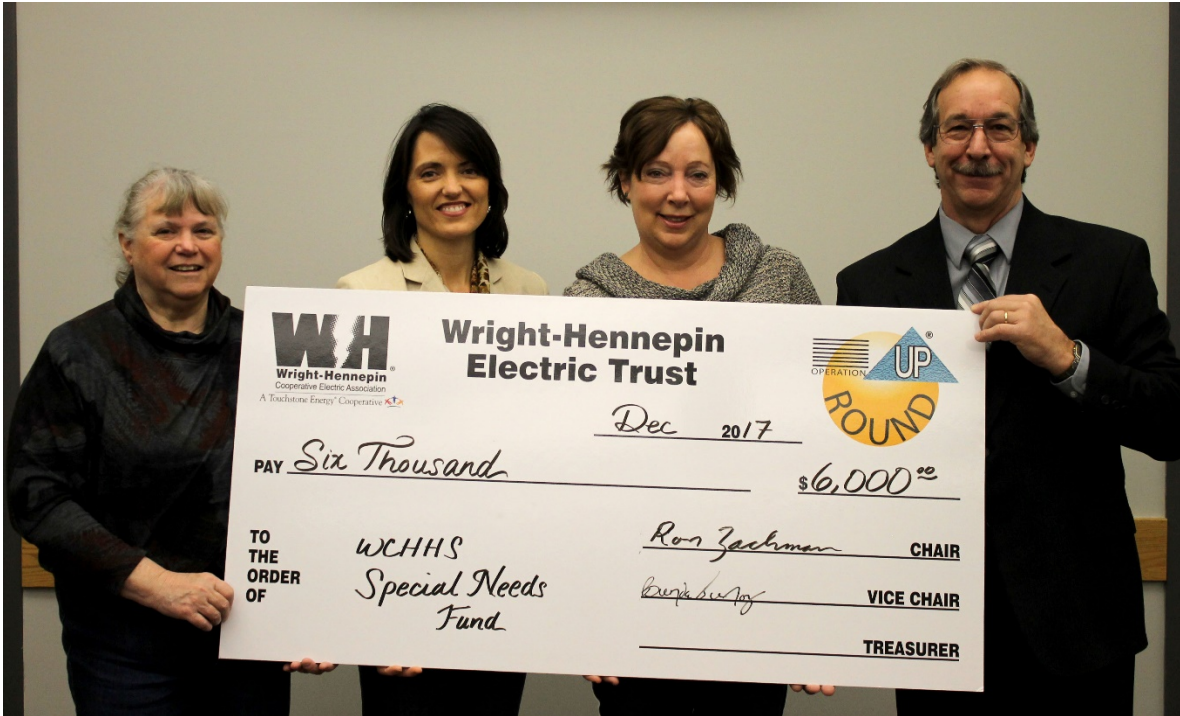
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Children's Home Society and Family Services in the amount of \$10,000 to support adoption programs. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Mike Anderson, Executive Director.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Relate Counseling Center in the amount of \$2,000 to support their answering service and on-call counselors. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to David Senior, Executive Director.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to WeCAN in the amount of \$10,000 to assist the less fortunate with emergency assistance. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Christie Larson, Executive Director.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Wright County Health and Human Services (WCHHS) Special Needs Fund in the amount of \$6,000 to provide one-time support to help families get back on their feet. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Marianne Charbonneau, Supervisor (left), Michelle Miller, Social Services Manager (middle left) and Jami Goodrum Schwartz, Wright County Health and Human Services Director (middle right).