



News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$40,000 TO HELP LOCAL ORAGNIZATIONS

Rockford, MN (July 18, 2018) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$40,004 in June 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 85 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 approved the following donations on behalf of WH members for June 2018:

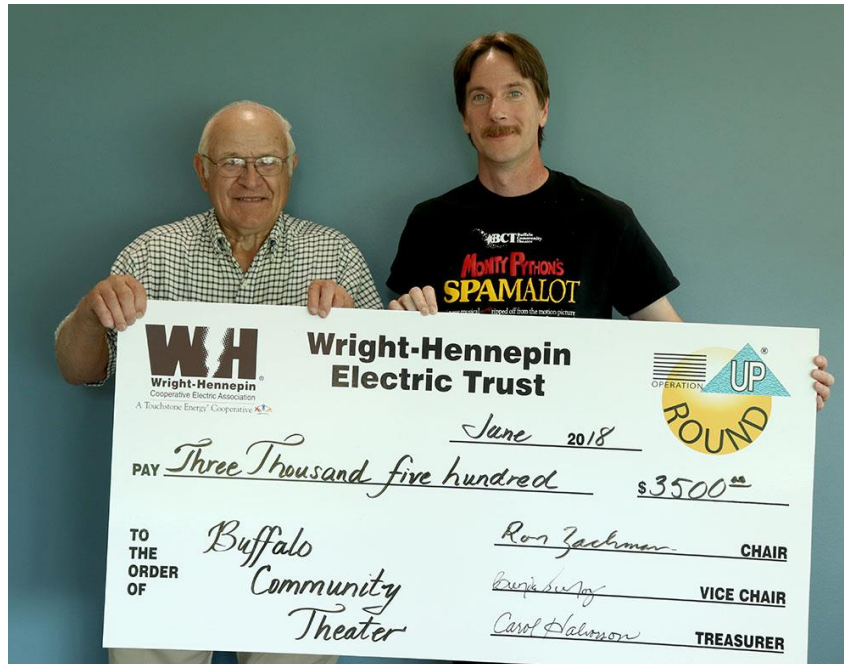
- **\$3,500, Buffalo Community Theater**, funds to purchase wireless microphones
- **\$2,000, Buffalo Food Shelf**, funds to provide free school supplies to school age kids
- **\$1,100, Fishing Klinics for Kids**, funds to support Fishing Klinics for Kids during Buffalo Days and other events
- **\$3,744, Homeward Bound**, funds to send four developmentally disabled people to summer camp
- **\$1,500, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted Theater Arts Booster**, funds to cover costs associated with the summer production of "Man of LaMancha"
- **\$8,500, Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners**, funds to prevent homelessness through emergency rent assistance and utilities payments during financial crisis

- **\$6,160, MidWest Region Wheelchair Sports**, funds to purchase two athletic wheelchairs for competitive basketball and a racing marathon chair
- **\$1,000, Rockford Friends of the Library**, funds to support community programs offered at the library
- **\$10,000, Wright County Community Action**, funds to support the energy assistance program

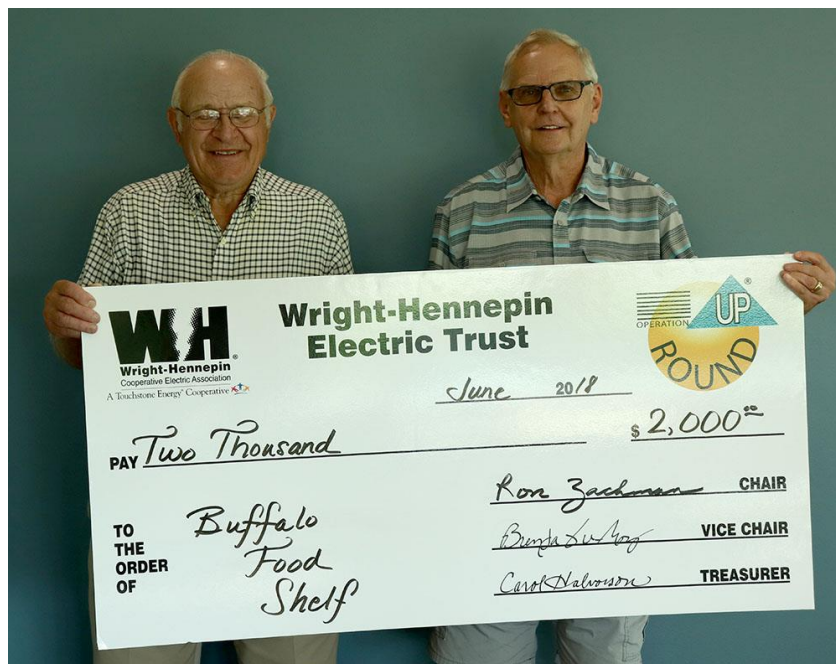
For those interested in applying for funds, fill out an application. To receive an application and to see what types of activities Operation Round Up supports – visit WH’s website at <https://goo.gl/Sk89XR>, send an email to oru@whe.org, or call Lisa and leave a message at (763) 477-3000 extension 6126.

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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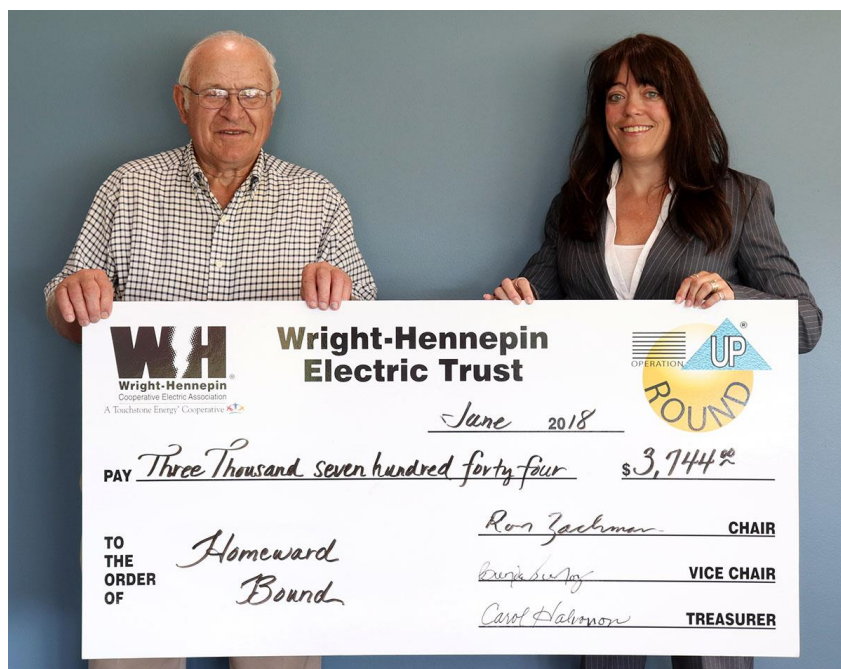
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to the Buffalo Community Theater in the amount of \$3,500 to purchase wireless microphones. ORU Director John Meister (left) presented the grant to Philip Ludwig, Secretary.



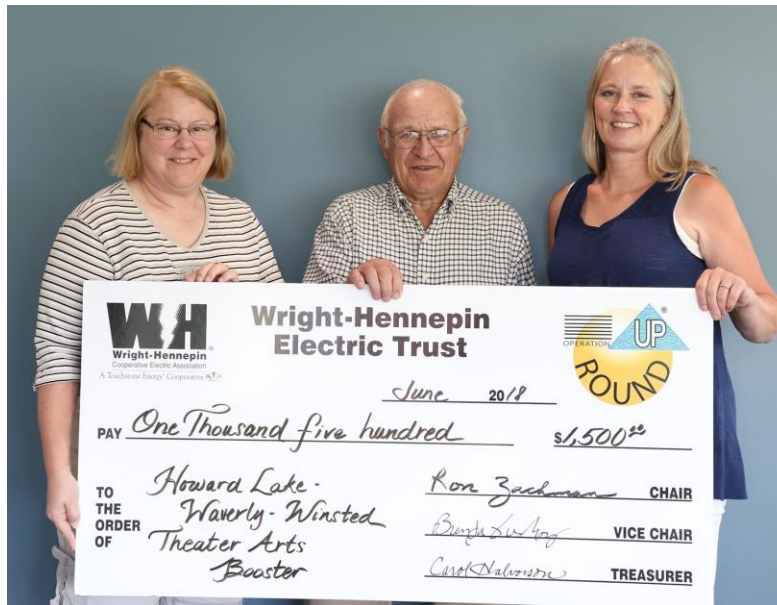
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Buffalo Food Shelf in the amount of \$2,000 to provide free school supplies to school age kids. ORU Director John Meister (left) presented the grant to Roger Brenny, Program Manager.



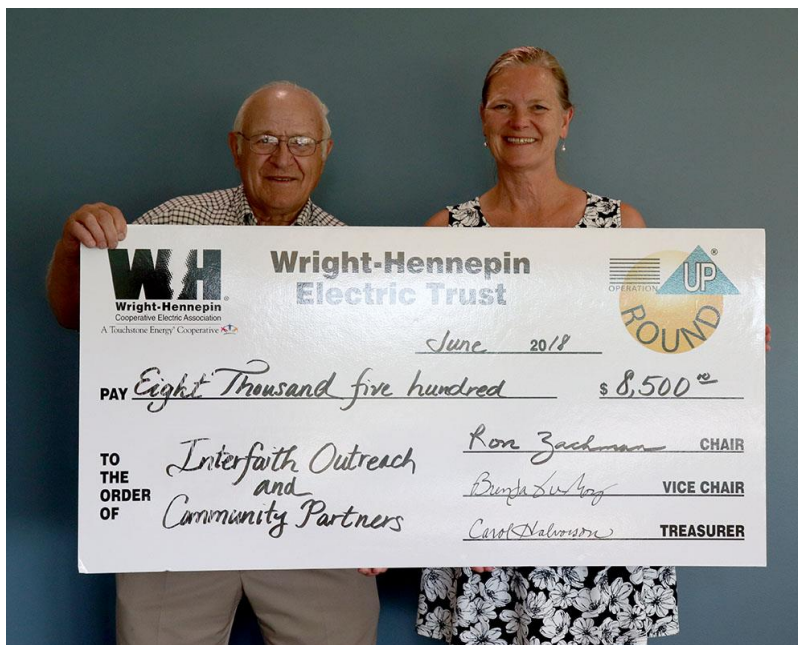
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Fishing Clinics for Kids in the amount of \$1,100 to support Fishing Clinics for Kids during Buffalo Days and other events. ORU Director John Meister (right) presented the grant to (left) Jerry Niesen, Director, Margie Niesen, Director, Judy Wedell, Co-founder and Jim Wedell, Co-founder.



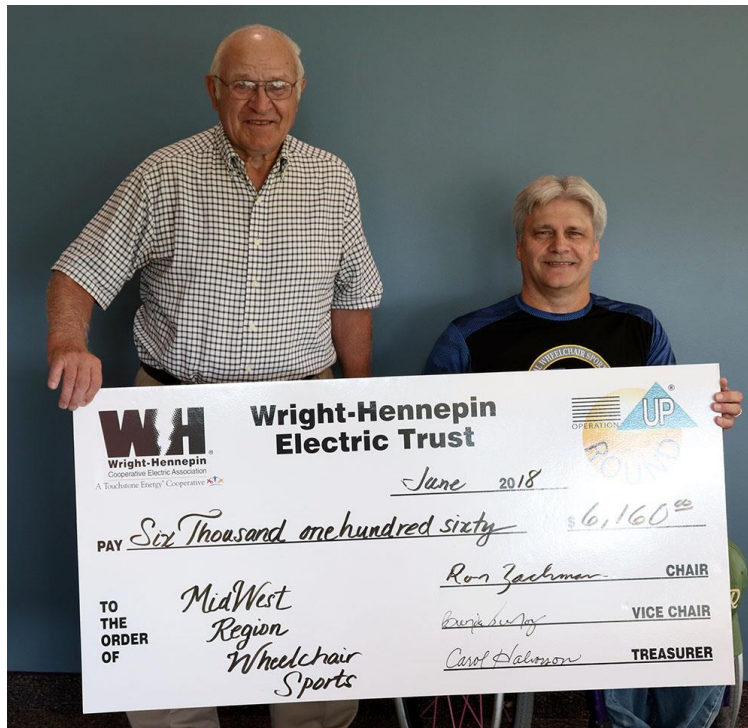
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Homeward Bound in the amount of \$3,744 to send four developmentally disabled people to summer camp. ORU Director John Meister (left) presented the grant to Kristine Morin, Development Associate.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted Theater Arts Booster in the amount of \$1,500 to cover costs associated with the summer production of “Man of LaMancha”. ORU Director John Meister (middle) presented the grant to (left) Louise Arlien, President and (right) Belinda Larson, Director.



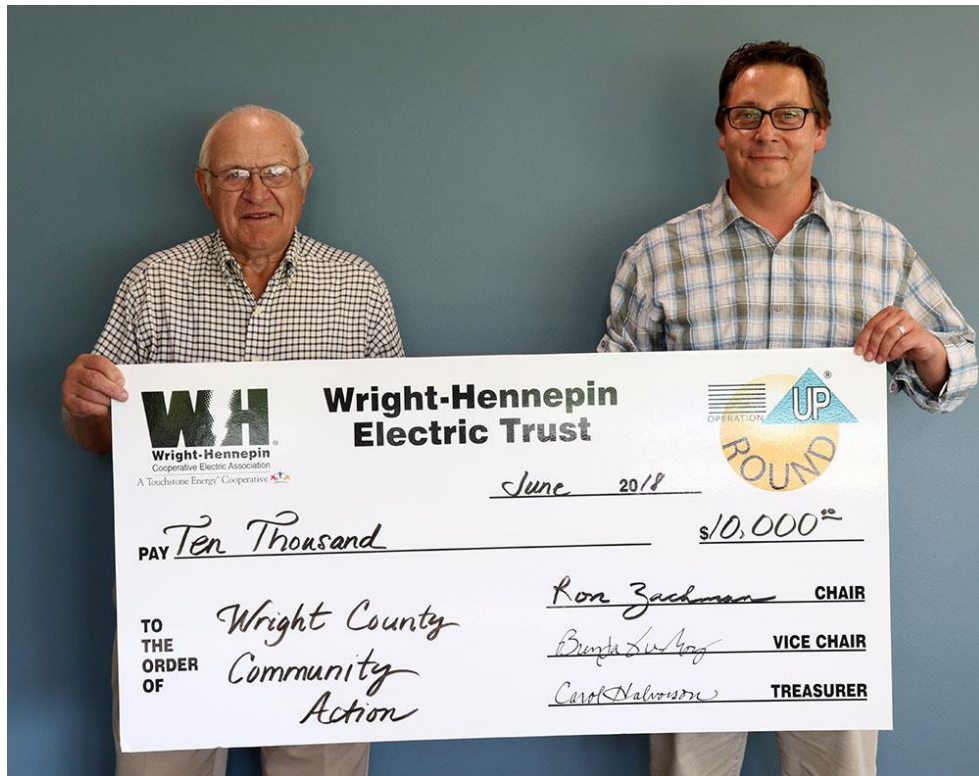
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners in the amount of \$8,500 to prevent homelessness through emergency rent assistance and utilities payments during financial crisis. ORU Director John Meister (left) presented the grant to Nancy Holden, Associate Director of Revenue.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to MidWest Region Wheelchair Sports in the amount of \$6,160 to purchase two athletic wheelchairs for competitive basketball and a racing marathon chair. ORU Director John Meister (left) presented the grant to Kurt Greniger.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Rockford Friends of the Library in the amount of \$1,000 to support community programs offered at the library. ORU Director John Meister (middle) presented the grant to (left) Renee LaPlume, Grant Writer and (right) Julie Eskriff, Branch Manager/Librarian.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Wright County Community Action in the amount of \$10,000 to support the energy assistance program. ORU Director John Meister (left) presented the grant to Jay Brenny, Housing Manager.