



News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$26,000 TO HELP LOCAL ORAGNIZATIONS

Rockford, MN (June 30, 2016) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$26,269 in June of 2016.

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 approved the following donations on behalf of WH members for June 2016:

- **\$10,000, Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin**, funds to support a fuel fund
- **\$2,565, Freedom Farm Therapeutic Riding Center**, funds to support a scholarship fund for at-risk teen programs
- **\$960, Friends of the Library, St. Michael-Albertville**, funds to support early literacy programs
- **\$3,744, Homeward Bound**, funds for a summer camp scholarship
- **\$5,000, MN Adult Teen Challenge**, funds to support the Know the Truth programming for Wright and Hennepin counties
- **\$1,500, Rise**, funds to support people with disabilities in securing community-based employment

- **\$2,500, Youth Investment Foundation,** funds to support an at-risk youth mentoring 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 <http://goo.gl/ZkLMQr>, 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 almost 50,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, MN.

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