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## News Release

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### WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$59,000 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

**Rockford, MN (November 5, 2018)** — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling \$59,200 in October 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 October 2018:

- **\$750, Ambassador Company**, funds to support "My Favorite Book" distribution to local school and church programs.
- **\$5,000, Annandale Youth First Inc.**, funds to provide student-to-student mentorship programs.
- **\$4,000, Buffalo Area Timber Bay/Youth Investment Foundation**, funds to replace a vehicle for the youth they serve with transportation needs to activities, camps and mentoring programs.
- **\$5,000, Community Toys for Tots of Monticello**, funds to purchase toys and gifts for children 0-17 years of age.
- **\$7,500, MN Adult and Teen Challenge**, funds to support the "Know the Truth" drug prevention program.
- **\$5,000, Toys for Tots of Buffalo**, funds to purchase toys and gifts for children 0-17 years of age.
- **\$3,000, Angel Bears of Love**, funds to support the gift of an Angel Bear to children and adults with life threatening diseases.

- **\$5,000, Angel Foundation**, funds to support financial assistance program for adult cancer patients.
- **\$2,500, Helping Paws Inc.**, funds to support training service dogs.
- **\$1,500, French Lake Sunshine Club**, funds to support local outreach to assist families in need and to celebrate the birthdays of the residents of Annandale Care Center.
- **\$5,000, Hope Chest for Breast Cancer**, funds to provide emergency assistance grants for those with breast cancer.
- **\$800, Monticello Special Olympics**, funds to offset expenses for facilities, equipment, uniforms and competitions.
- **\$2,500, Society of St. Vincent de Paul**, funds to provide assistance to support families in financial crisis.
- **\$10,000, True Friends**, funds to install heating and air conditioning in three cabins in the Woodland side of Camp Courage.
- **\$500, True Friends Auxillary**, funds to defray costs of dinner for annual fundraiser.

Those interested in Operation Round Up funds can find an application and learn more about the types of activities ORU supports by visiting WH's website at <http://goo.gl/RHJKz8>, send an email to [oru@whe.org](mailto: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.

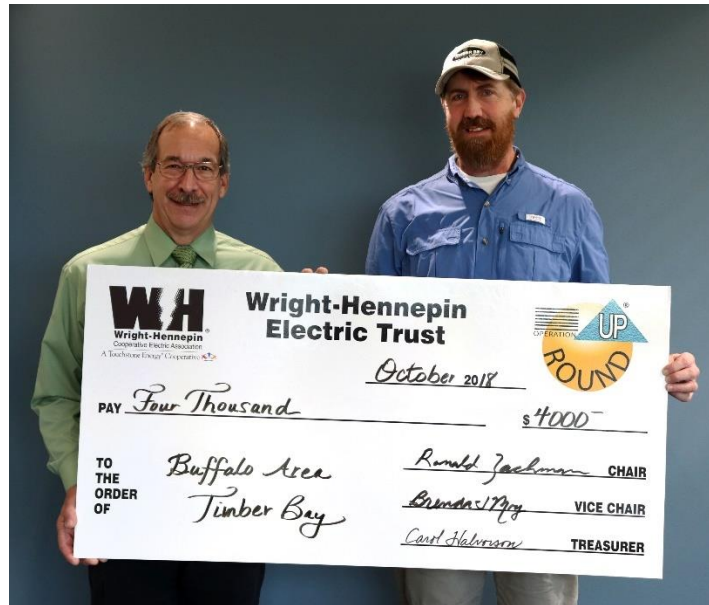
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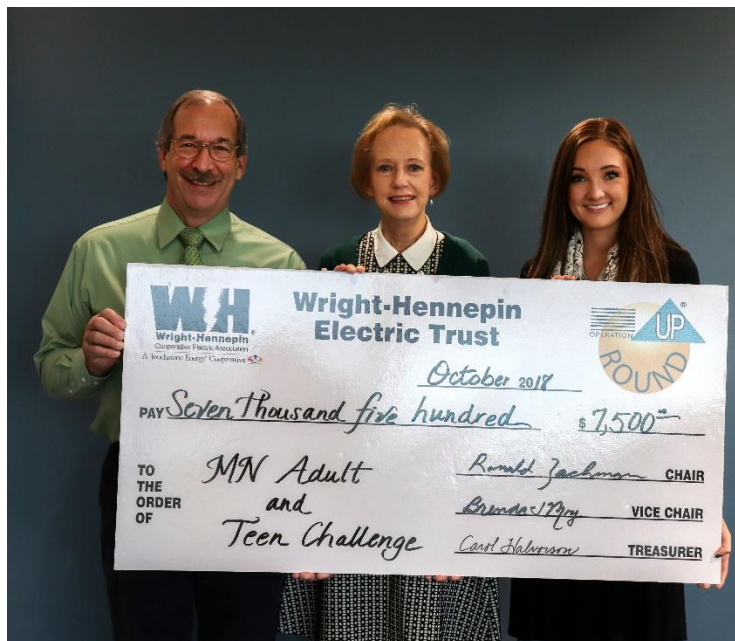
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Ambassador Company in the amount of \$750 to support "My Favorite Book" distribution to local school and church programs. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to John Wirth, Minnesota Coordinator.



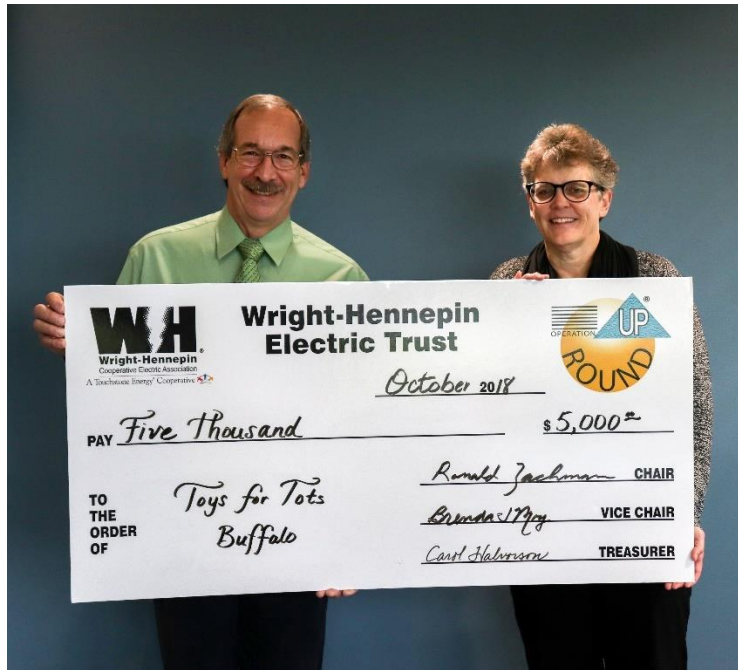
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Annandale Youth First Inc. in the amount of \$5,000 to provide student-to-student mentorship programs. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Pam Wurm, Coordinator.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Buffalo Area Timber Bay/Youth Investment Foundation in the amount of \$4,000 to replace a vehicle for the youth they serve with transportation needs to activities, camps and mentoring programs. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Paul Vorderbruggen, Buffalo Area Director.



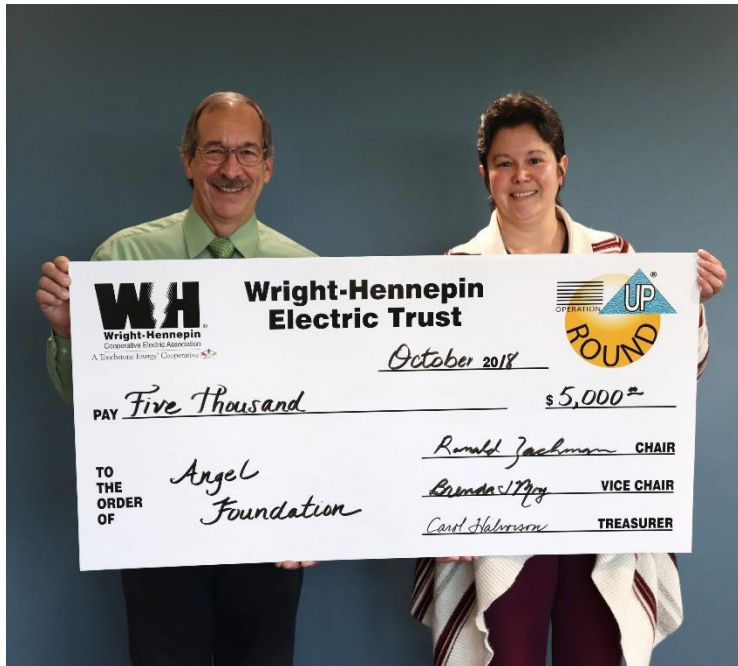
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to MN Adult and Teen Challenge in the amount of \$7,500 to support the "Know the Truth" drug prevention program. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Mary Kay Bensen, Donor Relations Director (middle) and Sadie Holland, Prevention Education Manager (right).



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Toys for Tots of Buffalo in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase toys and gifts for children 0-17 years of age. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Jean Carlson, Coordinator.



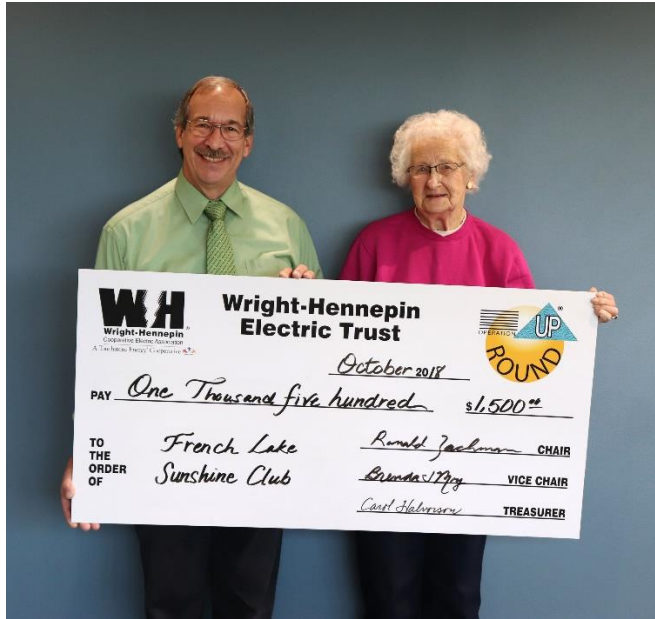
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Angel Bears of Love in the amount of \$3,000 to support the gift of an Angel Bear to children and adults with life threatening diseases. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Sara Mower, President.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Angel Foundation in the amount of \$5,000 to support a financial assistance program for adult cancer patients. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Natasha Carter, Donor Relations Director.



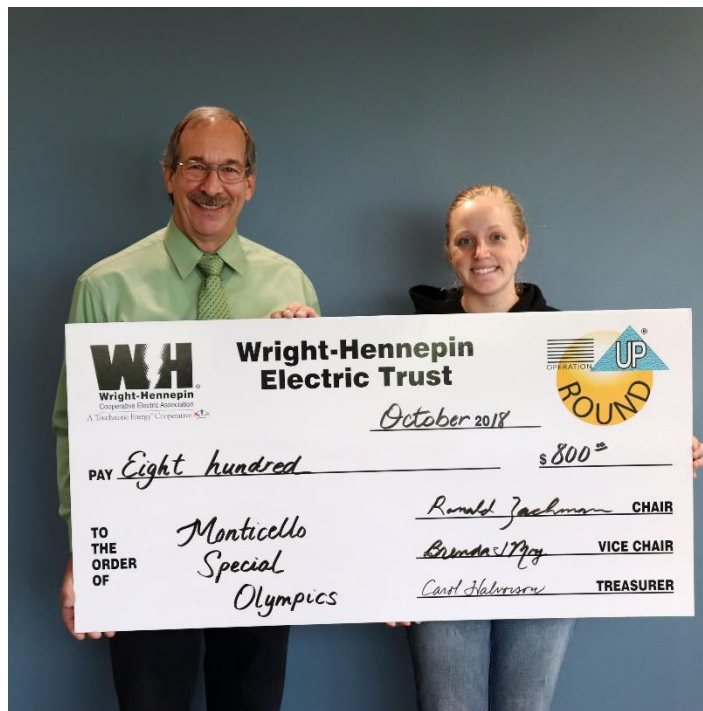
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Helping Paws Inc. in the amount of \$2,500 to support assistant dog training. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Jonathon Kramer, Communications Coordinator.



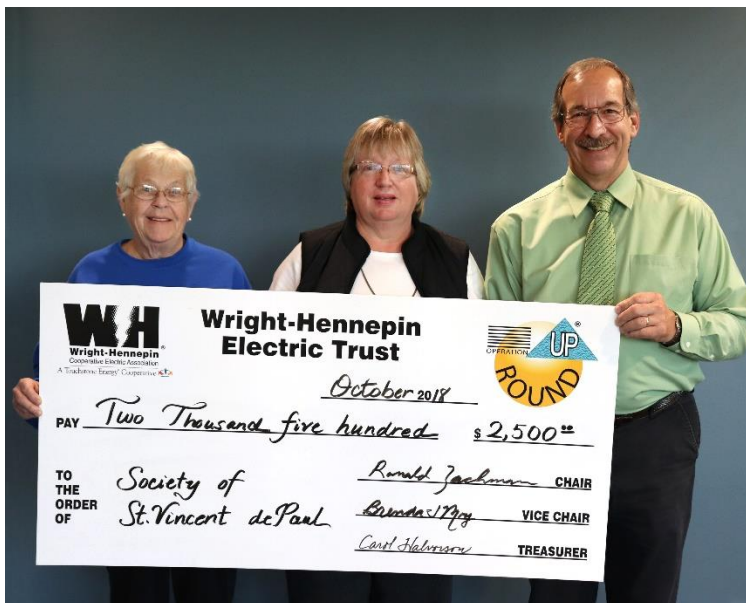
Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to French Lake Sunshine Club in the amount of \$1,500 to support local outreach to assist families in need and to celebrate the birthdays of the residents of Annandale Care Center. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Frieda Gunderson, Coordinator.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Hope Chest for Breast Cancer in the amount of \$5,000 to provide emergency assistance grants for those with breast cancer. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Julia Warfield, Foundation Manager (middle) and Sydney Allison, Foundation Associate (right).



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Monticello Special Olympics in the amount of \$800 to offset expenses for facilities, equipment, uniforms and competitions. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Amy Otto, Co-head of Delegation.



Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to Society of St. Vincent de Paul in the amount of \$2,500 to provide assistance to support families in financial crisis. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (right) presented the grant to Joyce Hackworth, Associate (left) and Charleen Zachman, Treasurer (middle).





Operation Round Up recently awarded a grant to True Friends in the amount of \$10,000 to install heating and air conditioning in three cabins in the Woodland side of Camp Courage. ORU Board Chair Ron Zachman (left) presented the grant to Mary Beth Schleif, Grants Coordinator.