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## News Release

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### **WRIGHT-HENNEPIN DONATES MORE THAN 15,000 TREE SEEDLINGS TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**Rockford, MN (April 30, 2015)** — In an effort to offset the loss of mature trees from a 1997 storm that struck its service territory, Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) has donated more than 200,000 trees to local schools, youth and civic organizations through the Plant-A-Tree program.

This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year that WH has donated trees through the program, which educators have used to teach students about the environmental benefits of trees.

More than 15,000 trees were donated this year, including red maple, white birch, Norway spruce, black hills spruce and red oak.

WH is a member-owned non-profit electric utility that provides electric power to Wright County and the western part of Hennepin County. The cooperative has been a corporate citizen in this area since 1937 and currently serves more than 46,000 electric accounts. The utility started its security division in 1989 and provides local home security solutions as well as monitors alarm systems for almost 60,000 customers in 32 states and three Canadian provinces.



The Kindergarten class of Delano Public Schools teacher Barb Stoffel with their tree seedlings, which were donated through the Plant-A-Tree program.

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