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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN GIVES GRANT TO VILLAGE RANCH

Rockford, Minn. (January 5, 2018) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) recently provided Village Ranch with a grant to help purchase an energy-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC) and install LED lighting at the Sholund School for Girls in Annandale, Minn.

Work was recently completed at the facility, which provides residential services to adolescent females struggling with a range of mental health and behavior issues. As a result of this grant, Village Ranch is expected to see ongoing energy-cost savings, which will allow more resources to be directed towards the community.

“As a non-profit agency, we have a difficult time providing energy-efficient materials for a project,” said Dale Grochow, Village Ranch’s Facilities and Fleet Manager. “With assistance from WH, the energy-efficient equipment will help provide a quality facility to support Village Ranch’s mission of providing programs and services for children and adolescents.”

The grant, which is a part of WH’s Low-Income Eligible Program under the WH Conservation Improvement Program, covered 80 percent of the total costs for installation of lighting and HVAC. Village Ranch was responsible for the remaining costs.

“I’ve found it rewarding to work with Village Ranch to help fund energy-efficient projects,” said Bob Miller, Key Account Executive at WH. “It’s good to know that WH is helping benefit low-income, disadvantaged people in the community.”

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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Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) provided a grant to Village Ranch to help purchase and install an energy-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning system (HVAC) and LED lighting in the newly constructed Sholund School for Girls facility located in Annandale, Minn. Pictured (from left) are Dale Grochow, Facility and Fleet Manager at Village Ranch, Bob Miller, Key Accounts Executive at WH, and Gordy Kotila, Village Ranch Board of Directors Chairman.