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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$50,000 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rockford, Minn. (November 14, 2022) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) recently donated grants totaling \$50,328 in October. ORU has awarded more than \$4.7 million since it began in 1994.

ORU participants allow their electric bills to be rounded up to the nearest dollar. The rounded amount is then used for donations supporting local programs. Approximately 90% of WH’s members participate in the ORU program, contributing a total of approximately \$20,260 each month. ORU’s board manages the donated money, which is held in a trust fund. Through a selection process and review of guidelines, the ORU trust board evaluates funding requests on a bimonthly basis.

The ORU trust board donated the following on behalf of WH members at their October meeting:

- **\$10,000, Buffalo Rotary**, funds to support needy families with grocery and fuel cards.
- **\$10,000, Love in the Name of Christ - Heartland**, funds to support Fresh Start Program.
- **\$10,000, Society of St. Vincent de Paul (St. Michael-Albertville Chapter)**, funds to support families in need.
- **\$8,000, MN Adult and Teen Challenge**, funds to support the “Know the Truth” drug prevention program.
- **\$8,000, Senior Community Services**, funds to support the HOME program.
- **\$1,500, French Lake Sunshine Club**, funds to support local outreach to assist families in need and celebrate the birthdays of residents of the Annandale Care Center.
- **\$1,500, Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted Theatre Arts Boosters**, funds to provide opportunities for all ages to perform in theatre.
- **\$800, Buffalo Stampede Special Olympics**, funds to purchase helmets for floor hockey team.
- **\$528.27, private individual**, funds to support needs of a special needs person.

Those interested in ORU funds can find the application and learn more about the types of activities ORU supports by visiting WH’s website at <http://bit.ly/2Jvv6gv>, sending an email to

oru@whe.org, or calling the Administrator to the Trust, Lisa, and leaving 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 55,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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