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News Release

WRIGHT-HENNEPIN MEMBERS DONATE MORE THAN \$55,500 TO LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Rockford, Minn. (November 5, 2024) — Wright-Hennepin Cooperative Electric Association (WH) members who participate in Operation Round Up (ORU) donated grants totaling more than \$55,500 in October. ORU has awarded more than \$5.1 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 almost \$20,000 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 trustees evaluate 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 Club**, funds to support Adopt-A-Family to purchase gas and grocery cards.
- **\$10,000, Love, INC – Heartland**, funds to support Fresh Start program.
- **\$10,000, Senior Community Services**, funds to support senior center programs for Monticello and Crow River seniors including home services and 1-on-1 caregiver support.
- **\$10,000, True Friends**, funds to complete pathway at Camp Courage.
- **\$7,600.33, Park View Care Center of Buffalo**, funds to purchase recliners that support senior skin health.
- **\$5,000, Grace Place Collaborative**, funds to support food insecurity program and maintain equipment.
- **\$2,500, Teuby Continued**, funds to support teens and mental health educational needs in Watertown-Mayer and Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted students.
- **\$420, Anoka County Brotherhood Council Inc.**, funds to purchase an electric pallet jack.

Those interested in ORU funds can learn more about the types of activities ORU supports and find the grant application by visiting bit.ly/WH-ORU, emailing oru@whe.org, or calling Lisa Zipp, ORU Trust Administrator, at (763) 477-6126.

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 59,000 electric accounts. It is headquartered in Rockford, Minn.

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