



Pennies adding up to more than \$900,000



In January 2006, Holmes-Wayne Electric introduced our Operation Round Up program, a simple concept with difference-making impact in our community. Seventeen years later, the Operation Round Up Foundation has distributed more than \$900,000 back to our community.

"This program has been critical to helping individuals within our community who have fallen through the cracks," explained Jonathan Berger, HWEC board member and ORU board member. "Our community is known for its kinship spirit and this program allows for that to continue by not burdening any one person while making life-changing impact on our neighbors.

"We saw this need spike last summer when many of our members experienced severe damage to their homes and property due to a derecho storm slamming some areas with 94-mph winds," Berger said. "Partnering with the United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties, we donated \$25,000 to assist members who physically or

financially could not make the home repairs or perform property damage clean-up."

If you are not currently participating in Operation Round Up, it is easy to sign up for the program. You can contact the cooperative toll-free at 866-674-1055 or email us at memberservices@hwecoop.com.

The program is simple: Every month, your bill is rounded up to the nearest dollar. That spare change is placed into the foundation. The foundation board of five people reviews all applications and specific criteria must be met. These funds are never used to pay HWEC bills. Funds are only distributed within our community, so it remains within our community's economy and helps our neighbors.

Below is last year's distribution summary. You can see how ORU is helping out during difficult and unexpected medical emergencies, house fires, and situations that may not be served by other agencies.

Assist individual - medical condition - Holmesville	\$870.99
CampOhio Youth 4-H Camp	\$2,500.00
Adaptive Sports Program - sled hockey - Wooster	\$1,000.00
Scouters for Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Sacred Grounds - adult special needs	\$1,000.00
National Alliance for Mental Illness - Wayne & Holmes Counties	\$500.00
Assist family - medical needs -Shreve	\$300.00
YMCA - After School Program - Wooster	\$1,000.00
West View Healthy Living - wheelchair swing	\$1,000.00
Holmes County Safe Communities	\$506.20
Pomerene Hospital - Lifting Hearts bereavement	\$1,000.00
One Eighty - assist with addiction treatment programs	\$500.00
Shreve United Methodist Church - home maintenance program	\$1,000.00
Adaptive Sports Program - Wooster	\$500.00
Holmes County Association of Handicapped Citizens - playground project	\$2,500.00
United Way of Wayne and Holmes Counties - derecho storm cleanup/repair	\$25,000.00
Assist individual - medical needs and beds for children	\$700.00
Holmes County Farm Bureau - Harvest for Hunger	\$1,000.00
Pomerene Health Auxiliary	\$1,000.00

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Assist family with bed and clothing for child - Millersburg	\$495.00
Holmes County Home & Senior Center - processing of donated fair animals	\$2,500.00
Pomerene Health Foundation	\$500.00
American Red Cross - Festival of Trees Fundraiser	\$1,500.00
Millersburg Food Run - support local food pantry	\$500.00
Assist family with bed and clothing for child - Wooster	\$920.00
Ashland/Wayne Young Ag Professionals - Holiday Toy Drive	\$500.00
Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry - Coshocton - processing for donated deer	\$500.00
Wayne County Agencies - processing of donated fair animals	\$2,500.00
Wayne County First Responders	\$500.00
West Salem Police Auxiliary	\$1,000.00
Assist family - house fire - Shreve	\$1,000.00
Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry - Wayne - processing for donated deer	\$1,000.00
West Holmes Middle School - Shop with a Teacher	\$250.00
Assist family - beds for children - Wooster	\$1,260.00
Wayne & Holmes County - bereavement items for loss of chld	\$500.00
Share-A-Christmas - Holmes County	\$1,000.00
West Salem Outreach & Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Light House Love Center - Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army - Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Salvation Army - Holmes County	\$1,000.00
Town & Country Fire & Rescue - toy drive - West Salem	\$1,000.00
Christian Children's Home - Wooster	\$1,000.00
Meals and More - West Salem	\$1,000.00
Meals on Wheels - Holmes County Senior Center	\$1,000.00
OneEighty- domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health services - Holmes County	\$1,000.00
OneEighty- domestic violence, substance abuse and mental health services - Wayne County	\$1,000.00
American Red Cross	\$1,000.00
Hospice - Holmes & Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Viola Startzman Health Clinic - Wooster	\$1,000.00
Church of God - food pantry - Millersburg	\$1,000.00
Meals Together - Wooster Methodist Church - Wooster	\$1,000.00
Glenmont Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Shreve United Methodist Church - food pantry	\$1,000.00
Mohican Area Community Fund	\$250.00
Goodwill Industries of Wayne & Holmes Counties, Inc.	\$1,000.00
The Lord's Pantry - West Salem	\$1,000.00
New Leaf Center - clinic for special needs children - Mount Eaton	\$1,000.00
Apple Creek United Methodist Church - food pantry & Christmas outreach	\$1,000.00
Nick Amster Workshop - Wayne County	\$1,000.00
Hillsdale CARES food drive	\$500.00
People to People Ministries	\$1,000.00

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Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative's Johnson graduates from leadership skills program



Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative employee Josh Johnson has graduated from a statewide program aiming to hone the skills of the next generation of electric cooperative leaders.

The one-year Cooperative Leadership Edge program was hosted by HWEC's trade association, Ohio's Electric Cooperatives, and required six courses, two assessments and a capstone project. Coursework focused on coaching employees, managing conflict, adapting communication approaches, carrying out difficult conversations, and delivering results.

Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative invests in training and development with the goal of serving consumer-members with top talent and skills, says Glenn Miller, President/CEO.

"We're not just an electricity provider — we're here to make this area an even better place to live, work and serve," he says. "That means investing in our employees and making sure we're providing the best possible community services. We're really proud of Josh's accomplishment, and we're pleased to have him on our staff."

A Rittman High School graduate, Johnson started his career at the cooperative in 2005 as an apprentice and he now is a Class A lineworker. He lives with his wife and two kids in Wooster.

Congrats!

HWEC staff accountant, Missy Davis, acquired her master's degree in business administration from Ashland University.

Davis joined the HWEC team in 2017. "Missy's dedication to continuous improvement has made her a critical team player within the organization," said Casey Wagner, HWEC Chief Financial Officer. "Cooperatives have specific accounting procedures unique to our industry prescribed by the Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Services. Missy has acquired the knowledge needed and utilizes her strong work ethic and education to efficiently provide accurate information for the cooperative and its members."

Congratulations, Missy!





POWER STUDENTS



Left to right:

Grant Koch, son of Scott & Emily Koch of West Salem Northwestern Schools

Jett Hershberger, son of Chris & Susan Hershberger of Wooster Smithville Schools

Kylin Kyte, daughter of Jason & Jennifer Kyte of Killbuck West Holmes Schools

Education helps shape the leaders of tomorrow. That's why Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative wants to recognize students in sixth grade to eighth grade for their hard work and dedication to education.

Here's how it works:

Students in sixth through eighth grades, whose parents or guardians are members of Holmes-Wayne Electric Co-op, are eligible to apply. Students must have a minimum of three A's on their most recent report card (less than six months old).

A copy of the report card must be submitted by mail to:
Holmes-Wayne Electric Co-op, Attn: Robyn Tate
P.O. Box 112, Millersburg, OH 44654

Entry grade card must include student's name, parent/guardian name(s), school, grade, address (not published), and contact phone number (not published).

Entries will be placed into a drawing for each grading period. Three winners will be drawn three times per year. (February 10, May 10, and December 10)

Winners will each receive a \$30 gift card. Their photos will be published in *Ohio Cooperative Living* and on the Holmes-Wayne Electric Cooperative website and Facebook page.

Please contact us at 866-674-1055 with any questions.



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