



White River Valley Electric Cooperative News Release

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WRVEC Trust awards grant monies to aid local cancer patients



Left to right: Mindy Honey, Director of Community Relations at Skaggs Foundation; Marcy Keltner, Patient Navigator at CoxHealth Cancer Center Branson; Ben Morris, Director of CoxHealth Cancer Center Branson; Nathan Stearns, WRVEC Community Programs Coordinator

Branson, Missouri – White River Valley Electric Cooperative Trust Program recently awarded \$5,000 in Operation Round Up organizational grants to the Skaggs Foundation to fund projects that relieve some of the burden that cancer places on a patient and their loved ones.

Skaggs Foundation, founded in 2002, is dedicated to supporting community initiatives that improve health and wellness throughout Stone and Taney counties. The foundation funds patient programs, supports Cox Medical Center Branson in capital improvement projects, provides student scholarships

and administers the Skaggs Legacy Endowment. They rely on outside funds, such as Operation Round Up organizational grants, to off-set the costs of other programs.

The grants will provide 357 lunches and 42 cases of nutritional shakes to cancer patients receiving life-saving therapy at Cox Medical Center Branson. Monies will also fund their fuel card program to assist up to 50 individuals with travel costs.

“Operation Round Up is proud to partner with Skaggs Foundation,” said Nathan Stearns, WRVEC Community Programs Coordinator. “We are grateful to assist them as they assist our community members during difficult times.”

ORU organizational grant recipients must reside or serve residents within the WRVEC service area. For more information regarding ORU, please visit whiteriver.org/community/operation-round-up/grants/

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