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## Barron Electric Cooperative Helps 4-H Members Achieve Excellence

Barron Electric Cooperative donated \$1,000 to both the Barron County 4-H Program and the Washburn County 4-H Program. Through 4-H, youth have the opportunity to complete handson projects in areas of interest, which include art, health, science, agriculture, and civic engagement. Barron Electric's General Manager Aaron Torud remarked, "We are proud to support programs that help young people build leadership skills and develop life skills."

Funds for Barron Electric's donations are derived from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust overseeing unclaimed cashback credits of former members. The Federated Youth Foundation has specific requirements for which the funds can be used. Legally, Barron Electric cannot use funds from cashback credits to reduce rates. Barron Electric has served the rural area since 1936 and currently provides electricity to nearly 20,000 members.

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