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### **Barron Electric Cooperative's Donation Enhances Quality of Life**

Barron Electric Cooperative generously donated \$1,500 to the Neighbor to Neighbor Program aimed at improving food security, transportation, social connections, and community integration. Kim Timmers, Executive Director, remarked, "Our mission is to provide practical assistance and compassionate support that allows people to age in place with dignity. We deeply appreciate Barron Electric's generous donation."

Rural communities face rising rates of aging residents, diminishing local services, and increasing isolation. Neighbor to Neighbor serves as an essential network of volunteers, donors, and sponsors dedicated to helping seniors and adults with disabilities in Washburn County live independently in their homes. Key services include:

- Grocery deliveries for individuals with limited mobility or transportation access
- Transportation to medical appointments, community services, and necessary errands
- Friendly visits and phone calls to reduce feelings of loneliness and support emotional well-being
- Connection to local resources, events, and programs that foster engagement and alleviate isolation

Barron Electric Cooperative's General Manager Aaron Torud noted, "One of Barron Electric's goals is to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve. This donation will help to provide essential services to residents of Washburn County." The funds for Barron Electric's donations come from the Federated Youth Foundation, an administrative trust managing unclaimed capital credits from former members. Barron Electric Cooperative has been serving the rural area since 1936 and currently provides electricity to nearly 20,000 members.

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