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### **Make-A-Wish® NH Wish Ambassadors Deliver ‘Sweet Thank You’ Messages to NH Credit Unions**

**Feb. 17, 2017** (Portsmouth, NH)—New Hampshire Credit Unions, all members of the Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc. (CCUA), were treated to sweets and personal expressions of gratitude from Wish children and volunteers from Make-A-Wish® New Hampshire (Make-A-Wish®) February 14-16. Twenty-two Wish children and their families visited 12 credit unions throughout New Hampshire to deliver sweets, offer personal thanks and share highlights of their wishes, made possible in part by the New Hampshire Credit Unions.

In Rochester and Portsmouth, four Wish Children visited [Holy Rosary Credit Union](#), [Northeast Credit Union](#), and [Service Credit Union](#) on Feb. 15. Credit unions in the seacoast area enjoyed their visits throughout the afternoon. At Northeast Credit Union, Wish Child Joey shared the memories of his wish on a Disney Cruise with the staff. Wish Child Lewis, while thanking Holy Rosary Credit Union staff for his wish of creating his very own video game, created a special card from his computer. And the group at Service Credit Union heard the wish adventures of both Padraic and Morgan and the vacations they took with their families.

“We look forward every year to the Sweet Thank You visits. Working with Make-A-Wish New Hampshire is extremely rewarding for credit union staff and members. It is always great when the kids tell us about their wishes; the stories they share with us embody the power of what a wish can do,” remarked Brian Hughes, chair of the New Hampshire Credit Unions Social Responsibility Committee and president/CEO, Holy Rosary Credit Union. “The support of the New Hampshire Credit Unions over the past 20 years truly shows the spirit of community and we are very proud to play a big role in granting wishes for these great kids.”

“By granting the wishes of children facing critical illnesses, our credit unions and their members are transforming the lives of children, families and communities throughout New Hampshire forever,” said Julie Baron, president/CEO, Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. “These wishes allow everyone involved to experience true happiness, giving children renewed energy and strength,

bringing families closer together, and uniting communities. Our credit unions embody their value of people helping people every day. Our community is continually enriched by their commitment and generosity.”

*The New Hampshire Credit Unions are part of the Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc., a trade group representing New Hampshire’s 16 consumer-owned credit unions. These credit unions offer a variety of consumer financial services to more than 630,000 New Hampshire residents and more than 107 million Americans. For more information, visit [www.ccuassociation.org](http://www.ccuassociation.org).*

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**Northeast Credit Union staff shared some special moments with Wish Children Padriac and Joey. L-R are Aleda Cote, Andrea Pruna, Brianne Gillespie, Padraic, Timothy Colliia, CEO, Steve Gigurere, and, in front of Joey, his sister Gia.**

Caption 1572:

**Wish Child Morgan (glasses) and Joey’s sister Gia take a tour with Service Credit Union CEO David VanRossum in background as they stop to visit a staff member of the credit union.**

Caption 2705:

**Holy Rosary Credit Union staff takes a photo with Wish Child Lewis whose Wish was to create his own video game.**