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New Hampshire Chapter Donates \$25,000 to Make-A-Wish® New Hampshire

February 10, 2022 (Marlborough, MA) – The New Hampshire Chapter, an extension of the New Hampshire Credit Unions that are part of the Cooperative Credit Union Association, presented Make-A-Wish New Hampshire a check for \$25,000 to cap off their Holiday for Heroes Giving Campaign. For over 25-years, the New Hampshire Chapter Board of Directors has held a holiday fund-raising event for the credit unions and their business partners to make a difference in the lives of children impacted by critical illnesses, and their families. Members of the Chapter board include Jonathan Oglebay and Nancy Nadeau, Bellwether Community Credit Union; Cynthia McCormick, Members First Credit Union; Dorie Dawkins, New Hampshire Federal Credit Union; Debbie Auger, Northeast Credit Union; May Hatem, Service Credit Union; Edina Cehic, St. Mary's Bank; and Lyn Anderson, Triangle Credit Union. The New Hampshire Chapter's funds are combined with those raised throughout the year under the umbrella of the New Hampshire Social Responsibility Committee, which coordinates the annual fund-raising efforts throughout the state for their charitable partner. To date, The New Hampshire Credit Unions have donated more than \$3.25 million for wishes.

"A true hero isn't measured by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart" ~ Hercules

Restrictions due to the COVID-19 Omicron variant did not diminish the credit unions' traditional spirit of giving as they focused their energy on contributing to an online Holiday for Heroes Giving Campaign in lieu of an in-person holiday gathering.

"I continue to be amazed at the generosity of the credit unions in New Hampshire, their employees, and many of the vendors that work with the credit unions to help raise money for this wonderful cause," said New Hampshire Chapter President Jonathan Oglebay, SVP/Chief Financial Officer of Bellwether Community Credit Union. "It truly is a feeling of community, and we thank all of you for your continued support of Make-A-Wish, New Hampshire."

Make-A-Wish New Hampshire CEO Julie Baron was thrilled with the credit unions' continuing support, saying, "Through their passion, the credit unions in the New Hampshire Chapter have forever transformed the lives of children, their families, and their communities throughout New Hampshire. We are forever grateful for their powerful ability to encourage the belief in the impossible for the children we serve. Hope is powerful medicine! Heroes indeed!"

"For the last two years we had to make changes and get creative how we support Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. We took on the challenge and raised \$275,000 in those two years bringing total donations from New Hampshire Credit Unions and their members to over \$3 million," responded New Hampshire Social Responsibility Committee Chairman Brian Hughes, president/CEO of HRCU, Rochester, NH. "Our New Hampshire Chapter has come through again to kick off our 2022 fundraising and really goes to show the collaborative efforts of all our New Hampshire Credit Unions. We are committed to helping Make-A-Wish New Hampshire make wishes come true for children in the state."

Cooperative Credit Union Association President/CEO Ron McLean praised the Chapter for supporting Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. “The credit unions, as part of the New Hampshire Chapter, have shared a common commitment in making dreams come true for many children in the state. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the New Hampshire Chapter Board of Directors found a way to keep the true spirit of giving during the holiday season through their online campaign.”

[See the impact of the New Hampshire Credit Unions in this video.](#)

About Make-A-Wish® New Hampshire

Make-A-Wish® creates life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. We seek to bring every eligible child’s wish to life because a wish is an integral part of a child’s treatment journey. Research shows children who have wishes granted can build the physical and emotional strength they need to fight their illness. Since 1986, Make-A-Wish New Hampshire has granted wishes to children across the state of New Hampshire from all walks of life, allowing each child to dream and create their own inner strength.

Sound fiscal management practices and commitment to accountability and transparency have earned Make-A-Wish New Hampshire a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, America’s largest independent charity evaluator. For more information, please visit wish.org/nh.

About the New Hampshire Credit Unions

Credit unions in New Hampshire are non-profit, consumer-owned, financial cooperatives with combined assets of over \$11.5 billion. State-wide, 14 New Hampshire Credit Unions provide a variety of financial services to more than 780,000 New Hampshire residents. New Hampshire Credit Unions are members in the Cooperative Credit Union Association, Inc., a regional trade organization serving over 175 credit unions collectively in four states – New Hampshire, Delaware, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. For more information, visit www.ccu.org.



Make-A-Wish New Hampshire CEO Julie Baron accepts a \$25,000 donation from New Hampshire Chapter President Jonathan Oglebay, SVP/Chief Financial Officer of Bellwether Community Credit Union, on behalf of the New Hampshire Credit Unions for funds raised during the Holiday for Heroes Giving Campaign.

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