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**New Hampshire Credit Unions Donate \$225,000 to
Make-A-Wish® New Hampshire**

August 31, 2022 (Marlborough, MA) – On behalf of the New Hampshire Credit Unions, representatives of the New Hampshire Social Responsibility Committee recently presented the 2021/2022 donation of \$225,000 to its charitable partner, Make-A-Wish New Hampshire in support of providing life-changing wishes for children with critical illnesses. This donation culminates a twenty-six-year total to more than \$3.4 million.

The Committee recently completed its fundraising efforts and made the presentation to CEO Julie Baron and staff members at Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. Social Responsibility Committee Chairman Brian Hughes, president/CEO of HRCU, Rochester, NH, recognized the dedication of the credit unions, saying, “Our New Hampshire credit union community is so proud of our affiliation with Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. From calendar and candy sales to our golf tournament, our 2022 donation is one of our largest to date and remains a collaborative effort of every New Hampshire-based credit union and our members.”

Make-A-Wish New Hampshire CEO Julie Baron was touched by the generosity of so many who continue to make a difference. “More sparks of hope set off across New Hampshire this week thanks to our dear friends within the credit union community in the state. Wish children and their families will be forever grateful for the difference the credit unions are making in their lives. The impact of New Hampshire Credit Unions through time is felt by our Wish Alumni who share that their wish was a positive turning point for them during their treatment. We are so grateful for their lasting commitment to our mission.”

Cooperative Credit Union Association President/CEO Ron McLean praised the credit unions for supporting their charitable partner. “The New Hampshire Credit Unions share a common commitment in making dreams come true for many children in the state. Brian and the Social Responsibility Committee’s effort in achieving this year’s donation is an indication of the level of commitment from the credit unions, their members and business partners.”

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 all 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 Platinum 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 \$10.5 billion. State-wide, 16 New Hampshire Credit Unions provide a variety of financial services to more than 750,000 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.



New Hampshire Credit Union representatives gather to present a \$225,000 donation to Make-A-Wish New Hampshire. Pictured left to right: Thomas Andrew, Members First Credit Union; Faith Hazelton, Make-A-Wish New Hampshire; Dennis Hebert, Granite State Credit Union; Jake Powers, St. Mary's Bank; Julie Baron, CEO, Make-A-Wish New Hampshire; Brian Hughes, Chairman, NH Social Responsibility Committee, HRCU; Ronald Covey, Jr., St. Mary's Bank; Lana Constantino, Triangle Credit Union; and Olivia Stanas and Mai Chen, Make-A-Wish New Hampshire.

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