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## **VERMONT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION PRESENTS \$5,000 TO THE VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

**Burlington, VT – Vermont Federal Credit Union celebrated International Credit Union Day by giving back to the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation. President/CEO Bernie Isabelle was proud to present Adjutant General Michael Dubie and the President of the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation, Mr. Steven Cray, with a check for \$5,000; in anticipation of all the good work the Foundation will be doing as our soldiers are returning home.**

For the entire week of October 18th, Vermont Federal celebrated their members and our local communities by seeking to raise awareness and funds for the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation. Vermont Federal donated \$5 for every new account opened during the week to the Foundation. Membership at Vermont Federal helps keep money local and supports other community members in need. Vermont Federal also held a charity drive on Facebook to benefit the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation. Vermont Federal donated \$1 for every new person who “liked”

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or “became a fan” of their Facebook page. Vermont Federal raised a total donation of \$1,889 through these combined efforts. Although our activities related to this donation amounted to \$1,889, we presented the Charitable Foundation with a check for \$5,000 to show our gratitude for the men and women who serve our country and in anticipation of all the great work the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation will be doing as our soldiers are returning home.

The Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation is a nonprofit organization that serves to meet the emergency financial needs of the men and women of the Vermont National Guard and their families. Since its inception, it has provided grants to meet a variety of needs from mortgage payments and car loans to heating fuel, home repairs and utility payments. It recognizes the special sacrifices made by the soldiers, airmen and families of the Vermont National Guard and the hardships of military service by meeting a financial need beyond that normally provided by State and Federal agencies.

President/CEO Bernie Isabelle and many Vermont Federal staff attending were proud to recognize those sacrifices by presenting General Dubie and Mr. Cray with a check for \$5,000 to support this very worthwhile foundation. “We know that this money will help to support the dedicated and courageous men and women of the Guard and their families with the challenges that they face during their deployments and upon returning home. We couldn’t think of a more worthwhile organization to contribute to than this foundation,” said Bernie Isabelle, President/CEO.

Vermont Federal is a \$290 million financial institution, currently serving over 29,000 members. Members are part of a cooperative, meaning that they share ownership in the credit union and elect a voluntary board of directors. Vermont Federal Credit Union provides membership to anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Chittenden, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Franklin, Washington, or Addison Counties in Vermont. Vermont Federal Credit Union is committed to providing support to the communities that it serves and to make a decided difference in the lives of its members and other Vermonters.

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President/CEO Bernie Isabelle of Vermont Federal Credit Union, Adjutant General Michael Dubie, Mr. Steven Cray, President of the Vermont National Guard Charitable Foundation & Mr. Curran Robinson, Chairman of the Vermont Federal Board of Directors