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## **VERMONT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION CELEBRATES CREDIT UNION WEEK OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Burlington, VT – Vermont Federal Credit Union joined credit unions and their members around the world to celebrate International Credit Union day, October 15<sup>th</sup>, with a week of festivities focused on giving back to the community in recognition of their membership.**

During the week of October 13th through the 16th, Vermont Federal celebrated the positive effects of credit union membership with their “Give Local, Get Local” campaign. Each new member that joined Vermont Federal Credit Union during the week received a \$25 donation in their name to a local charity of their choice. Vermont Federal raised six hundred dollars for a number of charities in the Addison, Chittenden, and Franklin counties. New members were also given local *Dakin Farm* Vermont maple syrup sample nips. Current members who opened a new account that week also received a maple syrup sample. Vermont Federal employees shared in the celebration by wearing LOCAL tees and hats to culminate the week.

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The theme for International Credit Union Day in 2009 observes the positive effects of credit union membership. Value, service, and trust are just some of the many benefits of being a credit union member. Credit Unions' are full service, non – profit financial institutions owned by their members, which strive to make a decisive difference in the lives of their members and support for local communities.

Vermont Federal is a \$244 million financial institution, currently serving over 26,000 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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