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VERMONT FEDERAL CREDIT UNION COLLECTS DONATIONS FOR LOCAL FOOD SHELVES THROUGH IN-BRANCH FOOD DRIVE AND ANNUAL FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR EVENT

Burlington, VT – On Saturday, November 17th, Vermont Federal Credit Union was the presenting sponsor of the Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive to benefit the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf.

Vermont Federal Credit Union once again joined radio stations 99.9 The Buzz and 106.7 WIZN at Costco in Colchester to support the Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive. Credit Union staff spent the day collecting non-perishable food items as well as cash donations to benefit the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf. Staff volunteers provided suggested items to donate and those who contributed received reusable grocery and wine totes provided by the Credit Union as a thank you.

This year's food drive saw an increase from last year's event with 5,196 pounds of food and \$747 collected. Anna McMahon, Community Engagement Manager at the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf, shared, "The Feed Your Neighbor Food Drive has become a tradition at the Food Shelf and we feel privileged to continue this partnership. Without this kind of support, the Food Shelf would not be able to provide meals for food insecure families during the holiday season."

In addition to the annual event, the Credit Union held a food drive at its six branch locations for members to contribute throughout the month of November. Food collected at the branches will be distributed to local food shelves including Northwest Family Foods, Helping Overcome Poverty's Effects (HOPE), Milton Family Community Center and the Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf.

Vermont Federal is a \$500 million-plus financial institution, with six locations currently serving over 38,000 members. Members are part of a cooperative, meaning they share ownership in the Credit Union and elect a volunteer 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 it serves and to make a decided difference in the lives of its members and other Vermonters. For more information about Vermont Federal Credit Union, call (888) 252-0202, visit www.vermontfederal.org, or find us on Facebook.

Chittenden Emergency Food Shelf works to alleviate hunger by feeding people and cultivating opportunities. As the largest direct service emergency food provider in Vermont, the Food Shelf serves roughly 11,000 people each year. Visit www.feedingchittenden.org for more information.



FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT
YOUR LOCAL FOOD SHELF

SUGGESTED ITEMS:

- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Pasta & Pasta Sauce
- Canned Soups & Vegetables
- Baby Formula & Wipes

Please return all items by November 30th.

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