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Park City Credit Union Donates \$3,800 to Local Food Pantries, Strengthening Community Support Amid Economic Challenges

MERRILL, WISC. – In a year marked by continued economic uncertainty, Park City Credit Union remains steadfast in its commitment to community care by donating \$3,800 to food pantries across Tomahawk, Rhinelander, Minocqua, and Merrill. As a member-owned financial cooperative, Park City Credit Union reflects the values of its members by prioritizing people over profits and addressing urgent local needs.

The donations, distributed as follows, will bring much-needed relief to families during the holiday season:

- **Tomahawk Food Pantry:** \$750
- **Nokomis Food Pantry:** \$250
- **Rhineland Area Food Pantry:** \$800
- **Lakeland Food Pantry:** \$800
- **Merrill Food Pantry:** \$1,200

With inflation continuing to impact household budgets and food costs remaining high, local food pantries have seen an increase in demand for their services. Many families are turning to these essential programs to put food on the table, while seniors and single individuals face growing challenges accessing nutritious, affordable meals.

The donations are making a meaningful impact across multiple communities, ensuring that holiday meals bring comfort and connection to those in need. In Merrill, the funds will provide turkeys for every family relying on the local pantry. In Rhinelander, the contribution will help supply holiday side dishes and some easy-to-cook meals to support the growing number of senior adults. The Nokomis Food Pantry will use their portion to provide sides for the 50 meals they distribute to local families, while the Lakeland Food Pantry is using their donation to supplement food for the 85 meals they hand out. Meanwhile, the Tomahawk Food Pantry is replenishing much-



The Tomahawk Food Pantry accepts a \$750 donation from PCCU staff members Becky Jaecks, Tomahawk Branch Manager, and Tiki Krueger-Boehm, Director of Community Engagement.



PCCU staff members Becky Jaecks, Tomahawk Branch Manager, and Tiki Krueger-Boehm, Director of Community Engagement, present the Nokomis Food Pantry with a \$250 donation.



The Lakeland Food Pantry in Minocqua graciously accepts a \$800 donation from PCCU staff members Stephanie Greenaway, Minocqua Branch Manager, and Tiki Krueger-Boehm, Director of Community Engagement.



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needed staples as their shelves are beginning to run low. These targeted efforts ensure that families in each community have the resources to enjoy a comforting holiday meal.

“As a credit union, we’re uniquely positioned to uplift our communities,” said Tiki Krueger-Boehm, Director of Community Engagement. “Part of our mission is to serve our communities and supporting local food pantries is one of the most impactful ways we can make a difference, especially during the holidays when no one should feel forgotten”.

The lingering effects of the pandemic, coupled with rising living costs, have created a greater need for community assistance programs. Food pantries across the region report record levels of demand, with many struggling to keep pace. Donations like Park City Credit Union’s not only provide immediate relief but also help build resilience for these organizations to continue their critical work year-round.

Park City Credit Union’s commitment extends beyond financial support, as employees regularly volunteer their time to assist at food pantries, further embodying the credit union philosophy of “people helping people.” By working together with community partners, the credit union helps ensure that no one in its community is left behind.

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About Park City Credit Union: Park City Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative providing financial services to over 24,000 members who live, work or own land in Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Price, Rusk, Taylor or Vilas counties. To find out more visit www.parkcitycu.org. Park City Credit Union has offices located in Merrill, Tomahawk, Minocqua and Rhinelander.



The Rhinelander Area Food Pantry happily accepts an \$800 donation from PCCU staff members Melinda Schultz, Rhinelander Branch Manager, and Tiki Krueger-Boehm, Director of Community Engagement.



PCCU staff members Danielle Wilcenski, Member Experience Manager, and Tiki Krueger-Boehm, Director of Community Engagement, present \$1,200 to the Merrill Food Pantry.