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**MSUFCU Donates $1.39 Million in 2020**

*Credit Union, its employees, and its Desk Drawer Fund foundation contribute*

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Although fundraising events looked different in 2020, MSU Federal Credit Union (MSUFCU), its employees, and the Credit Union’s foundation, the Desk Drawer Fund, donated $1.39 million to those in need in 2020.

Credit Union employees work together each year to select and support local charities throughout the various communities MSUFCU serves. In 2020, employees donated $222,101 in personal funds to the following organizations:

* **Capital Area United Way**, the Credit Union’s ongoing charity partner that supports programs and services in Greater Lansing
* **Helping Women Period**, which provides feminine hygiene products to homeless and low-income girls and women in Greater Lansing
* **HQ Runaway and Homeless Youth Drop-In Center**, a Grand Rapids-based organization that helps youth ages 14-24 who are living in unsafe or unstable housing
* **Oakland County Animal Shelter**, which provides shelter and care to more than 4,000 animals each year, attempting to reunite animals with their owners or find them new, loving homes

MSUFCU’s employee fundraising efforts included virtual runs/walks, dress down days, donations made for family photos, letters to Santa, and more. In addition to donating funds to local organizations, employees also volunteered their time and talents. Even with restrictions due to the pandemic, they volunteered more than 500 hours in 2020 in communities the Credit Union serves.

As part of its annual giving, MSUFCU contributed $729,972 to 199 organizations in the communities where Credit Union employees and members live and work. MSUFCU also redirected funds in 2020 to support COVID-19 relief programs such as food banks and hospitals.

The Desk Drawer Fund contributed $446,251 to 70 donor recipients including nonprofits, organizations, and individuals within its philanthropic pillars of Arts & Culture, Stable Housing, Empowering Youth, Financial Education, and Entrepreneurialism. For more information, visit [deskdrawerfund.org](https://www.deskdrawerfund.org/).

Founded in 1937, MSUFCU has a national reputation for excellence and has received several top industry and workplace awards, including being named as a Top Workplace in the large employer category by the Detroit Free Press for eight consecutive years, a Top 100 Best Workplace for Women by Fortune for three consecutive years, and is in the top five Michigan credit unions by Forbes Best-in-State Credit Unions. MSUFCU was named a Best Workplace in Financial Services and Insurance by Fortune Magazine two consecutive years, and has been certified as a Great Place to Work® for seven

consecutive years. MSUFCU has also been recognized by the Credit Union National Association, recently winning first place for the people-helping-people philosophy 2020 Louise Herring Award. MSUFCU is headquartered in East Lansing, MI, has 21 branches, more than 300,000 members, over $5.7 billion in assets, and nearly 900 employees. For more information, visit [msufcu.org](https://www.msufcu.org).

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