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**MSUFCU Employees Donate $6,065 to Lansing Food Bank During Virtual Annual Gala**

EAST LANSING, Mich. — MSU Federal Credit Union’s (MSUFCU’s) Annual Gala looked different this year as have many events since the COVID-19 pandemic began over a year ago. The Credit Union usually celebrates the prior year’s accomplishments with hors d'oeuvres, service awards, and a night out with coworkers.

For the first time, the Annual Gala was held virtually, on February 20, 2021. Throughout the challenges of the pandemic, MSUFCU has continued to live its Mission and Core Values of: Demonstrate Integrity and Honesty; Give Back to the Community; Provide Superior Service; Encourage, Embrace, and Drive Change; Pursue Growth and Development; Build a Positive Environment; Be Passionate and Determined; and Cultivate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Giving Back to the Community is a Core Value MSUFCU strives to achieve each and every day, and the Annual Gala was no different. During the Gala, employees could make a donation to the Lansing Food Bank with MSUFCU matching donations up to $5,000. At the start of the Gala, nearly $2,500 had already been donated, and the goal of $10,000 (including the match) was surpassed in less than one hour. A total of $11,065 was donated to the Lansing Food Bank, which will provide 36,735 meals to those in need.

"I am proud and humbled by the generosity our employees, and the way we live our core value of giving back to the community," said April Clobes, MSUFCU's President and Chief Executive Officer. "This donation will help provide essential services to those in need."

For nearly 84 years, MSUFCU has proudly given back to the communities it serves, from Grand Rapids to Greater Lansing, and Metro Detroit to Traverse City. In 2020, MSUFCU employees raised over $222,000 for five local charity partners, and volunteered over 500 hours at local organizations. MSUFCU has increased its community impact with The Desk Drawer Fund, a foundation that supports five philanthropic pillars: Arts and Culture, Stable Housing, Empowering Youth, Financial Education, and Fostering Entrepreneurialism. In its first year, more than $170,800 was donated to 53 organizations.

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.

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