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TOPLINE CREDIT UNION MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES BRIGHTEN UP THE HOLIDAYS

TopLine's 22nd Annual Holiday Gift Drive Benefits Local Communities

MAPLE GROVE, MINN. — January 19, 2021 — Avenues for Youth, Community Emergency Assistance Programs (CEAP) and Keystone Community Services benefited by receiving donations from **TopLine Federal Credit Union's** 22nd annual Holiday Gift Drive held during the months of November and December. TopLine members and employees generously donated gifts of toys, clothing, scarves, cash and gift cards to brighten up the holidays and bring joy to many children and young adults this holiday season.

Employees were able to participate by donating gifts and money in exchange for a "Denim Days" sticker, allowing them to wear jeans to work on specific days during the six-week program. TopLine's Knitting Club also participated by knitting and crocheting scarves for local foster youth at **Family Alternatives**. TopLine members could leave unwrapped gifts, scarves or yarn under the Holiday Tree at any TopLine location.

"TopLine is committed to helping our communities, and a special thanks goes out to our employees and members who were so generous this season," said Tom Smith, TopLine Federal Credit Union President and CEO. "We were able to donate over 540 gifts, fulfill 7 holiday wish

lists for young families, 185 scarves, \$660 in gift cards and over \$600 in cash to our charitable partners to help make the holidays a little brighter for families in our communities.”

Avenues for Youth’s Holiday Gift Program provided youth with a sense of belonging and a caring, safe environment. They were able to fulfill wish lists for 40 youth, ages 16-24, this holiday season and the program raised over \$26,000.

Through CEAP’s Toys of Joy Holiday Program, families were able to select toys and stocking stuffers for each child. CEAP was able to provide 2,240 toys to children, 560 handmade quilts and blankets for families and holiday food for over 2,250 neighbors in need.

Keystone Community Services provided toys, clothes and gifts to the children in their youth programs. Thanks to the generosity of our community, Keystone was able to boost the spirits of 130 youth this holiday season.

Since 2002, [TopLine Federal Credit Union](#) employees and members have been involved in several programs each year to benefit Avenues for Youth, CEAP and Keystone. In addition to the annual toy donations these efforts have included drives for books, personal care items, and children’s back-to-school supplies.

[Avenues for Youth](#) provides emergency shelter, short-term housing and supportive services for homeless youth in a safe and nurturing environment. There are over 6,000 homeless youth in Minnesota each night. Avenues shelters in Brooklyn Park and Minneapolis help over 300 youth. Visit www.avenuesforyouth.org to learn more.

[CEAP \(Community Emergency Assistance Programs\)](#), serving Hennepin and Anoka Counties, is a community-based, non-profit agency that partners with other resources to assist people in need. The mission of CEAP is to stabilize individuals and families in financial distress

and to maximize their ability to live independently and with dignity. Visit www.CEAP.com to learn more.

[Family Alternatives](http://FamilyAlternatives.org) is a youth driven agency that enhances relationships, advocates for services and supports the development of youth in foster care. Based in Minneapolis, Family Alternatives supports youth in their development by providing nurturing family environments. Visit www.familyalternatives.org to learn more.

[Keystone Community Services](http://KeystoneCommunityServices.org) is a community-based volunteer organization in St. Paul that helps thousands of low-income individuals and families in the East Metro Area. Keystone's mission is to strengthen the capacity of individual and families to improve their quality of life. Visit www.keystoneservices.org to learn more.

[TopLine Federal Credit Union](http://TopLineFederalCreditUnion.com), a Twin Cities-based credit union, is Minnesota's 13th largest, with assets of more than \$545 million and serves nearly 46,000 members. Established in 1935, the not-for-profit cooperative offers a complete line of financial services, as well as auto and home insurance, from its five [branch locations](#) — in Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Maple Grove, Plymouth and in St. Paul's Como Park — as well as by phone, [mobile app](#) and online at www.TopLinecu.com. Membership is available to anyone who lives, works, worships, attends school or volunteers in Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott or Washington Counties and their immediate family members. Visit us on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TopLineFederalCreditUnion>. To learn more about the credit union's [foundation](#), visit <https://www.toplinecu.com/foundation>.

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