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**TOPLINE FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES HELP YOUTH PREPARE FOR  
BACK TO SCHOOL**

*TopLine's 19<sup>th</sup> annual school supply drive benefits local communities*

**MAPLE GROVE, MINN. — September 7, 2022** —TopLine Financial Credit Union's 19<sup>th</sup> [Annual School Supply Drive](#) benefited local non-profits, Avenues for Youth, Community Emergency Assistance Programs (CEAP) and Keystone Community Services. [TopLine](#) members and employees generously donated a variety of school supplies including notebooks, folders binders, pencils, crayons, calculators, flash drives, backpacks and more to help youth in our communities get ready for the new school year.

Employees participated by donating school supply items and money in exchange for a "Foundation Fridays/Saturdays" sticker, allowing them to wear jeans to work on specific days during the six-week program. TopLine employees and members could also purchase items from the credit union's Amazon Wish List and Target Registry, and have them delivered directly to TopLine, and in return delivered to the charitable partners. When the drive ended TopLine employees and members had donated over 1,600 school supply items, nearly 50 backpacks and over \$700 in cash to assist local youth in need.

“Thank you to all the generous donations from our members and employees, we are grateful to help support students kick-off the school year, says Tom Smith, TopLine President and CEO. Having the necessary school supplies provides stability for a thriving learning experience, and our local non-profit partners help to distribute these items to kids.

Since 2002, [TopLine Financial Credit Union](#) employees and members have been involved in several programs each year to benefit Avenues for Youth, Community Emergency Assistance Programs (CEAP) and Keystone Community Services. In addition to the annual school supply drive these efforts have included drives for food, personal care items, books, and holiday gifts.

[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](http://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.org](http://www.CEAP.org) to learn more.

[Keystone Community Services](#) 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](http://www.keystoneservices.org) to learn more.

[TopLine Financial Credit Union](#), a Twin Cities-based credit union, is Minnesota’s 13<sup>th</sup> largest, with assets of more than \$680 million and serves over 47,00 members. Established in 1935, the not-for-profit financial 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](http://www.TopLinecu.com). Membership is available to anyone who lives, works, worships, attends school or volunteers in Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington and Wright Counties and their immediate family members. Visit us on our [Facebook page](#) or [Instagram](#). To learn more about the credit union's [foundation](#), visit <https://www.toplinecu.com/foundation>.

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