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**Vantage Impacts St. Louis Community with Holiday Giving**

ST. LOUIS –Vantage Credit Union proudly supports the community on a year-round basis, with a special emphasis on making an impact during the holiday season. Through the generosity of employees and members, $7,000 was raised to purchase nearly 600 presents for [Cardinals Care](https://www.cardinalscare.org/), [RankenJordan](http://rankenjordan.org/) and [Toys for Tots](https://bridgeton-mo.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/Default.aspx) as well as 14 Thanksgiving dinners for local charities and food pantries.

 “Giving back is truly a team effort with involvement from both our employees and members,” said Debbie Meyer, Central Operations Director and Holiday Giving Committee Chairperson, Vantage Credit Union. “Vantage employees purchased 50/50 tickets, baked and bought items at our bake sale and donated money for dress down days, while our members pitched in by donating spare change, canned goods and children’s gifts to make the holidays brighter for those in need.”

 Additionally, Vantage employees were each given a $50 Mastercard® gift card to personally give to someone in the community—a neighbor, first responder, healthcare worker, teacher, stranger in the store—to show gratitude and spread holiday cheer.

 “It felt great to do something nice for somebody by sharing a gift card and expecting nothing in return,” said Lisa Smith, Accounting Manager, Vantage Credit Union. “Generosity can be contagious, so I hope it sparked a chain reaction of spreading joy!”

 Vantage supports the community throughout the year, from clothing and food drives, teacher appreciation events, school supply drives, holiday toy drives, secure document shredding events, a college scholarship program and more.

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