

# UMassFive News

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## **UMassFive Donates 365 Pounds of Personal Care Items to Local Survival Centers**



Gwen Schanck and Michelle Suarez-Padilla of UMassFive's Springfield Branch with personal care item donations at The Gray House.

Hadley, MA – UMassFive College Federal Credit Union (UMassFive) is thrilled to announce the success of its personal care items drive, which was held during the month of March in its Hadley, Northampton, and Springfield branches. The drive collected over 365 pounds of personal care items, which were donated to three local organizations: Amherst Survival Center, Northampton Survival Center, and The Gray House in Springfield.

UMassFive is committed to supporting the communities it serves, and the personal care items drive was just one example of its ongoing efforts to give back. Members and staff at all three branches enthusiastically participated in the drive, donating a wide variety of items such as toothpaste, shampoo, soap, menstrual products, diapers, and more.

“We’re so appreciative of our members and employees for donating personal care items to our annual drive,” said Cait Murray, Community Outreach Manager at UMassFive. “We know that personal care items in the

Survival Center pantries may help people avoid making difficult trade-offs. Nobody should have to choose between food and toilet paper.”

UMassFive thanks all those who participated in the Personal Care Items Drive, and looks forward to continuing to serve and support its local communities in the future. For more information regarding Amherst Survival Center, Northampton Survival Center, and Gray House, please visit [www.amherstsurvival.org](http://www.amherstsurvival.org), [www.northampton-survival.org](http://www.northampton-survival.org), and [www.grayhouse.org](http://www.grayhouse.org).

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