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TOPLINE CREDIT UNION MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES DONATE CLOTHING AND SHOES

TopLine's Clothing and Shoe Drive Benefits Local Organizations

MAPLE GROVE, MINN. — June 25, 2024— [TopLine Financial Credit Union](#), a Twin Cities-based member-owned [financial services cooperative](#), held their fourth annual clothing and shoe drive during the month of May benefitting four local non-profits, African Education and Health Initiative (AFEDHI), Karen Organization of Minnesota, Union Gospel Mission and YMCA of the North Youth and Family Services. TopLine members and employees generously donated shirts, jeans, socks, shoes and more to help neighbors in need.

Employees were able to participate by donating clothing items, shoes and money in exchange for a "Foundation Friday/Saturday" sticker, allowing them to wear jeans to work. TopLine and community members could also purchase items from the credit union's Amazon Wishlist or Target Registry and have them delivered directly to TopLine, and in return delivered to charitable partners. When the program ended employees and members had donated 1,300 pounds of clothing, 156 pairs of shoes and \$840 in cash to assist local individuals and families.

"We are thrilled to have hosted such a successful clothing and shoe donation drive to support those in need within our community," says Mick Olson, TopLine President and CEO. "Every item donated brings us one step closer to ensuring that no one goes without the basic necessities. Our employees and members generous contributions will make a significant impact and help us provide hope and dignity to countless individuals and families. Together, we can make a difference."

[African Education and Health Initiative \(AFEDHI\)](https://afedhi.org/) is a non-profit organization with a vision to ensure that African students in rural areas and suburbs, have access to educational materials such as books, computers and other reading aids to support their educational needs and goals. For more information or to donate, visit <https://afedhi.org/>.

[Karen Organization of Minnesota](https://mnkaren.org) provides refugees with resources and programs to remove barriers and achieve economic, social and cultural well-being. Visit <https://mnkaren.org> to learn more.

[Union Gospel Mission Twin Cities](https://www.ugmtc.org/) is a Christian ministry dedicated to serving people facing homelessness, poverty, or addiction in the community. Union Gospel Mission helps people rebuild their lives through a variety of time-tested and proven life-changing programs. To learn more, visit <https://www.ugmtc.org/>.

[The YMCA of the North Youth and Family Services](http://ymcanorth.org/youthandfamilyservices) is a leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. To Learn more about the Y's mission and work, visit ymcanorth.org/youthandfamilyservices.

[TopLine Financial Credit Union](http://www.TopLinecu.com), a Twin Cities-based credit union, is Minnesota's 11th largest credit union, with nearly \$850 million in assets and serves over 52,000 members. Established in 1935, the not-for-profit financial cooperative offers a complete line of financial services 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, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Isanti, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington and Wright counties in Minnesota and their immediate family members. Visit us on our [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#). To learn more about the credit union's [foundation](#), visit www.TopLinecu.com/Foundation.

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