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## Gulf Winds Collects Over 2,000 lbs. of Food Donations Across Field of Membership

**Pensacola, Florida (January 10, 2025)** – Gulf Winds Credit Union has always been committed to supporting its communities but this past holiday season the organization aimed to make an even greater impact. The credit union hosted food drives across all of its branches and administrative offices, partnering with local food pantries to ensure neighbors in need were cared for during the season.

Manna Food Pantry (Pensacola, FL), Feeding the Gulf Coast (Theodore, AL), Second Harvest of the Big Bend (Tallahassee, FL) and Wakulla Giving Hands (Crawfordville, FL), received the donations collected by Gulf Winds employees and members. Together, the initiative resulted over 2,000 lbs. of food collected which will provide over 1,900 meals.

Last year, statistics from the USDA reported that 47.4 million people lived in food-insecure households, with a higher instance across the southeast – the area Gulf Winds serves. Gulf Winds aims to build awareness of these basic essential needs and provide compassionate support and impact to its communities.

"It's an honor for us to be able to collect food donations through our daily operations," said Daniel Souers, President and CEO of Gulf Winds Credit Union. "We are blessed to have employees and members who are so committed to supporting their neighbors and truly thank everyone for helping to build stronger communities in the region we serve."

Gulf Winds Credit Union remains committed in its mission to give back to the communities it serves and looks forward to continuing this tradition of care and support in the future.

To learn more about Gulf Winds' giving, visit GoGulfWinds.com/Foundation.

## **About Gulf Winds:**

Since 1954, Gulf Winds Credit Union has offered products and services that *Move Members Forward*. As a full-service financial organization, Gulf Winds provides 13 branch locations, digital banking, nationwide surcharge-free ATMs, and the support of more than 240 knowledgeable employees committed to delivering exceptional service. Gulf Winds is also renowned for its community involvement. Membership is open to anyone that lives, works, worships, or attends school in North Florida, Southern Alabama, and Southern Georgia. Please visit GoGulfWinds.com.